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# Worsening economic crises put Government under pressure

The Government's troubles multiplied most of the employees accepted a rise terday, the National Institute for resterday, with public sector unions that will add 12.3 per cent to the wage Economic and Social Research issued neaking through the pay guidelines or innouncing strikes, and ICI suffering collapse of profits. And, with the atest forecast indicating that any lleviation is at least two years away, ips of both the main parties turned n the Chancellor [page 2]. The water idustry provided what seemed an im-prtant breach of the pay policy when

bill. Leaders of the nine Civil Service unions, insisting that the Government's 7 per cent pay offer must be improved, ordered a one-day national strike, to be followed by other disruptions. In the private sector, Britain's largest company, ICI, said that economic conditions had forced it to cut its dividend for the first time since 1938. Also yes-

figures indicating that the Government's spending and money supply objectives are now unattainable and that recovery is still two years away [page 23]. Tory and Labour MPs put Sir Geoffrey Howe under heavy pressure in the Commons to offer Britain's hard-pressed industries some

Mrs Thatcher and President Reagan at the White House yesterday.

### CI profit slumps in ts worst trading ear since the 1930s

to restore profitability but "if

the present combination of

The news, which also affects the thousands of employees who take their bonuses in the form

convinced itself that the impli-cations of such a move were unthinkable.

Between 3 million and 4 mil-

Concern that more companies

could be encouraged to cut dividends knocked 10 points off

the FT index at one stage which

closed 4.2 down on the day at

Ronald Pullen

John Huxley he private sector has de the pre-red its clearest warning adverse adverse factors continues indefinitely we would need to reshape the business. He said there would be further job t the Government's econo-strategy is cripping British ustry. Imperial Chemical losses this year, roughly similar to the 6,000 lost last year, but would not be drawn on precisely which divisions would ustries, the country's largest spany and one of its most cessful, announced yesterday t it had been forced to cut dividend for the first time to the Second World War be the most badly affected.

The 26 per cent reduction in the dividend to 17p a share net was the first cut since 1938 and the severest since the 1930-31 depression. ause of the harsh trading ironment, the strength of ling and high interest rates. II's annual figures for 1980, losed that the company made a loss in the second of the year. Last October group shook the stock-ket with the news that it of shares, was taken badly on the stock market which after weeks of indecision had finally le its first quarterly trad-loss which continued in the I three months of the year. or the year as a whole pre-profits slumped from Im to £284m, and after taksetween 3 million and 4 million shares are thought to have gone through the market and the value dropped 24p to 268p, their lowest point for five years, wiping nearly £150m off the group's stock market value.

into acount the effect of ation on the business, curcost pre-tax profits drop-from £366m to only £73m. e group's 84,000 employees ne (UK) are baving to forgo r profit-sharing bonus for first time in 25 years. This discretionary payment. -ed to ICI's profits and in was worth £40m.

# Civil Service unions start action with one-day strike on March 9

Labour Reporter
Union leaders in the Civil
Service gave the Government
formal notice yesterday that a
one-day national strike would be held next month, followed is whether by a campaign of "guerrilla" fair and reindustrial action. The effects the offer."

could include dislocation of He asket

tion of security operations and the halting of tax computers. The leaders of the nine unions, representing 530,000 white-collar staff, were buoyant after a ballot result from the First Division Association of 8,000 moderate top civil ser-vents, which showed a narrow

majority in favour of action.
With all unions now in agreement on action if the Government does not improve its 7 per cent offer and give a firm commitment on an orderly pay bargaining system for next year, some union leaders were predicting a long battle.

The unions have told the TUC of their decision and have

received promises of support from the half dozen biggest affiliated unions, which will mainly take the form of instructions to their members not to cross picket lines.

The Civil Service unions have committed funds of more than £3m to finance the campaign. which is expected to cast about 497.8. £500,000 a week. Staff called the face of threats of national ICI has also had to provide out on strike or suspended by strikes by the miners and water for closure and redundancy the Government will receive workers, ministers might be Continued on page 23, col 2 85 per cent of their gross pay. prepared to have a confronta-

After receiving the unions' tion with civil servants, who letter, Lord Soames, Lord Presi-would receive little public dent of the Council and minister sympathy. Mr Gerry Gillman, leader of the Society of Civil and Public Servants, predicted that the responsible for the Civil Scr-vice, said: "The question every civil servant must ask himself is whether industrial action is a

fair and reasonable response to industrial action. The effects could include dislocation of He asked staff to think hard Budget arrangements, disruption of security operations and think again before taking action. Pay had gone up by healting of tax computers.

The leaders of the nine unions, representing 530,000 being asked to exercise restraint with the rest of the public

Lord Soames said: "It is often a question of jobs with moderate pay increases or no jobs at all. I do not see how the Government, in these circumstances, can be expected to treat the Civil Service as a special case.

The final authorize the one-day strike on March 9 was taken by a meeting of the Council of Civil Service Unions, a body that represents the nine unions. Union leaders were adamant that they had sufficient funds to win a prolonged battle if the Government refused to im-

prove the pay offer, deter-mined by a 6 per cent cash There was a belief in union circles last night that, after the Government's climb down in the face of threats of national

Government would retaliate by suspending workers who took action. "This lot are going to play it rough, tough and dirty", The planned one-day strike

could cause some disruption to government preparations for the Budget on the following day, but the effect is more likely to be felt in the weeks after the Chancellor's statement, when the Budget proposals, particu-larly tax changes, would be due for implementation,

Unions are planning to strike Unions are planning to strike at government revenue collection operations and hope to cause as little effect as possible on the public. They could not, however, rule out the possibility of action taking place in social security and unemployment benefit offices. The Prison Officers' Association can also be experted to take can also be expected to take part in disruptive action.

Other intended targets are the PAYE tax computers at Ship-ley, West Yorkshire, and Cumbernauld, in Scotland, and the VAT computer centre at South-end. Government communica-tion centres could be affected and the unions said that the Foreign Office and the diplomatic service were regarded as

### Mr Reagan praises **British role**

From David Cross
Washington, Feb 25
Citing Mrs Margaret
Thatcher's warping that the
1980s would be "a decade
fraught with danger", President Reagan pledged today that
Britain and the United States
would "stand side by side" in
defending freedom.

"So long as our adversaries continue to arm themselves at a pace far beyond the needs of defence, so the free world must do whatever is necessary to safeguard its own security,"
the President said. "A stronger,
more vigorous Nato must be
the background of that security and of our efforts for equit-able arms control."

With these rousing words, Mr Reagan welcomed the British leader to three days of meetings in Washington and New York at lavish, colourful ceremony of the kind not seen in the Ameri-can capital for the past four

years. Former Fresident Carter disapproved of many of the trap-

Guyana ban

threatens

Reagan has restored, for example, the 20 or so black-coated heralds to their promi-nent position on the White House balcony.
Mrs Thatcher stood rigidly

to attention as a 19-gun salute rang out and the President read

his prepared remarks to his ideological soul-mate.

Mrs Thatcher, who is accompanied by her husband and by Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, will have a series of talks here with leaders of the Administration before travelling Administration before traveling to New York to meet Dr Kurt Weldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, on Saturday. In his welcoming remarks, Mr Reagan said that, in addition to their full support for National Princips and the United Nato, Britain and the United States were both concerned with the totality of East-West relations". In this context, the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan had been "brutal", and Mrs Thatcher had rightly taken the lead in tallying world opinion against it.

against it.
Poland was apother test of East-West relations, and the Polish people must be allowed to work out solutions to their own problems. "Outside intervention there would affect profoundly in the long term the entire array of East-West rela-tions" he said. He thanked Mrs Thatcher for

hostages in Iran. Not only had Britain supported the previous Administration in its condem nation and sanctions against Iran, but the two countries would continue to work to-gether to confront the scourge

of international terrorism". Turning to their shared economic views, Mr Reagan said they both agreed there could be no true security unless their countries possessed economic stability.

Both the United States and Britain had suffered substantial economic difficulties, he said, and although different answers might be required, both he and Mrs Thatcher shared the basic commitment that the solution lay "within the people, not the

Mrs Thatcher said these were not easy times in which to assume the cares and responsi-bilities of national and inter-national leadership. "The problems are many, the dangers are real, and the decisions are diffi-cult", she added with heartfelt conviction.

"For generations our two

countries have cherished the same ideals. We have defended the same causes, valued the same friendships, and together we face the same dangers."

Once again, America and Britain's sense of common purpose and resolution was being lested. "It will not be found governments and states, but Mr release of the 52 American wanting," she promised.

# Inions hail water deal, but strikes intensify in the North

nion leaders were closely nining yesterday what exred to be a breach of the nining ernment's public sector pay by in the water industry, as s of northern England de against groups of union instructions to call industrial muscle. heir unofficial action.

ater workers in some areas risified their action, with os coming out on strike in est at the pay deal agreed reen union leaders and the loyers. The deal adds 12.3 cent to the industry's pay but is worth about 13 per

had insisted that its previous 10 per cent offer was final. Other appeared to be the Governr and sewerage workers in ment's reluctance to stand firm against groups of workers with

The four water industry unions representing 32,000 manual workers, hailed the deal, which they expect to be accepted by their members, as roughly equivalent to the 13 per cent 10-month settlement cent 10-month sertlement reached by the miners.

Three telephone conversain total. tions between Sir Robert Mar- minister urged the call was being regarded shall, chairman of the water to reach a settlement

Dur Labour Staff as a significant reversal for the council, and Mr Tom King. The unions were within effects were felt in the North-nion leaders were closely National Water Council, which Minister for Local Government minutes of a formal vote on east, where about 220 workers and Environmental Services, persuaded the employers to increase the offer and avoid a damaging national strike.

Sir Robert telephoned Mr King late on Tuesday evening to tell him that the employers were split. Mr King called Sir Robert early next morning, shortly before the unions were due to start their joint meeting. It appears there was a second call from Mr King to Sir Robert while the union meeting was in progress and moving

towards a strike decision. The minister urged the employers

calling a national strike when Mr Edmund Newall, chief union negotiator, spoke on the telephone to Mr James Dickens, the employers' industrial relations chief, and was offered further talks which eventually

led to the deal.

Under the £20.3m deal average earnings in the industry will rise from £108.49 to £122.30 a week, an increase of slightly more than 12.7 per cent for full-time workers. About 500 water and sewerage

last night. The most serious

said they would stay on strike unless they received substantial increases. In Lancashire about 200

workers stayed on strike and were joined by 50 workers in the Preston and Bolton areas. Mr Stephen Braithwaite, a district officer for the General and Municipal Workers' Union, said:

"The man are not happy with "The men are not happy with the pay offer and there is a general dissatisfaction at the way negotiations have been

workers in the North were Speedy decisions pledge, page 2 taking unofficial strike action Effect on rates, page 4 Leading article, page 15

England tour From John Woodcock

From John Woodcock
Georgetown, Feb 26
Clouds of uncertainty hang
over the England tour of the
West Indies, because of the
stand being taken by the
Guyanese Government over
Robin Jackman's cricketing
connexions with South Africa.
The Guyanese are saving that The Guyanese are saying that Jackman must not play in their country; the England management, who have been in touch with Lords and with the Foreign and Commonwealth office through the British High Commission, are insisting upon a free choice when they sit down to pick their side for the second Test match, scheduled to start here on Saturday.

Jackman has been a regular visitor to Southern Airica, having played cricket for Western Province in the early 1970s and for Zimbabwe last year. He is not alone in that: Bairstow captained Griqualand West in the winter of 1977-78; Boycott, Gower, Gooch and Downton have all played in

South Africa. It is this Gleneagles "accord", as they call it here, which the Guyanese Government are citing. They have done so before when prohibiting sportsmen with South African contacts from playing in Guyana. Some years ago one of the Young England sides had to withdraw from playing here because some of them had

toured South Africa. . The view of the British For eign Office that the Gleneagle: Agreement does not apply in the present impasse was com municated this morning to the British High Commissioner and in turn to Mr Alan Smith, manager of the England team.
Should the Guyanese government stand firm on Jackman, Saturday's Test match is unlikely to take place and a decision will have to be made whether to abandon the tour or to go to Barbados. Barbados and Guyana are federated for

cricketing purposes, but are separate countries, politically independent of each other.

Jamaica, 1,000 miles by sea from here, is another independent dent country which in the past (that is under Mr. Manley's government, not Mr. Seaga's) has taken a strong line on sportsmen with South African links. Jamaica, which should stage the fifth Test match in

April, are known to be moni-toring the situation. In 1968-69 England cancelled tour of South Africa because of the ban imposed by Mr Vorster's Government on Basil d'Oliveira. Now, as then, they are unwilling to be dictated to as to whom they may play. I have reason to believe that the Guyanese government have become increasingly keen in the last 24 hours not to forfeit the

Leading article, page 15

### Britons' departure from Iran delayed again

From Tony Allaway Tehran, Feb 26 Three Britons released from

Iranian prisons last week, failed for the second day to fly out of Iran. But this time there was a simple, if rather astonishing explanation. They missed the aircraft.

The three Anglicans, Dr John and Dr Audrey Coleman and Miss Jean Waddell, were supposed to have boarded an aircraft for Dubai after failing to leave on a Paris flight yesterday. Instead they spent a second night as " guests of the Foreign

Ministry." The three had previously spent six months in prison as suspected spies. There is still no explanation of yesterday's delay and even today's seemed somewhat difficult to accept. Two Swedish diplomats who went to the airport this morning, apparently confident that the three would be able to leave, said they had been misled by Iranian officials into thinking the aircraft would take off an hour later than the

Opposition MPs defiant, page 7

### equires: unister's consent

Government and Lonrho are in agreement the company's acquisition of control of Observer requires the consent of the etary of State for Trade. Lord Duncan dys, Lonrho's chairman, discussed the matter he department after Labour MPs called for ebate. Lonrho firmly denied that the newser would be controlled from Glasgow or te from London, Journalists voted to approve takeover provided firm guarantees were in on editorial independence Page 2

### B goes on the air

litizen5s band readio service has been sanced by the Government. The Home Secretary ed that the new personal two-way service will t in the autumn, but users will have to have teince. The frequency selected, 27 MHz FM, ald give CB enthusiasts what they want, but MHz AM equipment now being used would ain illegal Page 2

# ostmen's plea answered

vers that will allow postal deliveries at den gate letter boxes will bring comfort to tmen threatened by fierce dogs. Mr Charles tris. Labour MP for Manchester, Openshaw, lat the committee stage of the telecommunions Bill that every year 4,250 postmen were at by dogs while delivering mail. He urged all use of the new service Page 2

### Crude' mail tampering

utory controls on the interception of letters e urged in a clause to the relecommunica-Beill moved by Mr Kenneth Weetch, Labour for Ipswich. The practice was so crude he a that Inspector Clouseau-type blunders were Je. There was evidence that at least 400 ers a year connected with political groups te tampered with in London Page 4

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### )bserver' takeover The Pope says Mass for 48,000 in Nagasaki

The Pope has left Japan for Rome ending a four-day visit hailed by the Japanese press as a triumph. Earlier, he celebrated an open-air Mass in driving snow and gusty winds in Nagasaki, a Roman Catholic stronghold. It was attended by 48,000 faithful, more than 600 of whom fainted in the bitter cold and were taken to hospitals

### Bhutto widow arrested

Begum Nusrat Bhutto, widow of the former Prime Minister of Pakistan, has been arrested in Lahore along with other leading opposition politicians. They had been at a meeting of the newly-formed Movement for the Restoration of Democracy which was organizing a campaign to end martial law in Pakistan Page 8

### **BBC** fights jamming

The BBC is going for a deeper penetration of the Soviet Union with its external services broadcasts in an attempt to counter the jamming of the Russian language transmissions. It is also to launch a new service, in Pushru, a language spoken by about 18 million people in Afghanistan Page 7

### Spain still apprehensive

Senor Calvo Sotelo was sworn in as Spain's Prime Minister as investigators sought to lay responsibility for Monday's abortive coup. Some apprehension is still noticeable and mass demonstrations have been called in support of democracy. Senor Adolfo Suarez, the outgoing Prime Minister, has been made a duke Page 6

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> instilling fear into the populace. In the mornings, bodies are found by the roadside, some with their heads severed. 16 11 16 16 8 Sport TV & Radio Theatres, etc 25 Years Ago Weather

### Midnight mass shootings have become almost routine in El Salvador

From Michael Leapman San Salvador, Feb 26

Shortly after midnight last night seven people, including two teachers, a court official and a bank manager, were dragged by gunmen from their houses at Tonacatepeque, a township five miles north of here. Two hours later their neighbours heard shots and at daybreak the seven bodies were found in the road outside.

This sort of thing is almost routine in El Salvador, the small, crowded and historically vicious republic where Presi-dent Reagan's Administration has chosen to draw the line against creeping communism in Central America. Scarcely a day passes without at least one such incident.

such incident.

The gummen are never caught but the style of the killings bears the hallmark of ORDEN, a ruthless right-wing terror group officially banned but still highly active. The victims were intellectuals, presumably suspected of links with the leftist marrials. guerrillas trying to overthrow the centre-right junta. Last year more than 13,000 people died as victims of terrorism from the right and left. The rate is being sustained this

In some parts of the country,

especially those remote from the capital where it is hard to exercise control, people are so terrified by the marauding executioners that they have abandoned their homes and fled to refugee camps. Some camps hold more than 1,000 people, mostly children, and lack adequate food and clothing. In these areas, it is hard to distinguish the right-wing guerrillas from the regular Army and National Guard personnel. They ride around in

Such details were not included in the impressive documentation accompanying the White Paper "issued this week by the State Department to support its claim that Cuha, East Germany, Nicaragua and

open lorries, some in uniform and some in civilian clothes,

the Soviet Union are giving arms and support to the leftist guerrillas. The new order in Washington sees these matters in rigidly competitive terms.

"We have clear evidence", Mr James Brady, President Reagan's Press Secretary, said "of catching the communists' hands in the cookie jar".

El Salvador is an agricultural country, dotted with extinct volcanoes whose five million

people are emerging painfully from years of autocratic mili-tary rule. The present Junta was formed in 1979 after General Romero was ousted from the Presidency. Under Presi-dent Carter, American policy was to encourage liberal re-forms, notably the turning over of large agricultural estates to the peasants.

The reforms angered the right, the wealthy supporters of the old dictatorship. Much right-wing violence has been devoted to destroying the co-operative farms which had been ablished on the old estates. At the same time the changes were not radical enough to appasse the left, whose guer-rilla operations intensified last year, culminaring in what was to have been the final offensive last month. It failed to bring down the Government, mainly because the peasants did not rally to the guerrilles as they had expected. Most people had expected. Most people simply want the violence from both sides to stop; a forlors

Attacks from the left are directed against structures more than against people. Power cuts are frequent as pylons and substations are blown up. Bridges have been destroyed in the north-east. Here in the capital, there have been bomb arracks on offices, mainly Americanowned.

American tactics under President Reagan were dramatized by the dismissal of Mr Robert White, the United States
White, the United States
Ambassador, who was thought
to be pressing the junta too
hard towards reform. The new emphasis is on giving them effective military support rather than trying to make them better

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## Government approval of CB radio is hailed as victory

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent
A citizen's band radio service has been sanctioned vice has been sanctioned by the Government, Mr William Whitelaw, Home Secretary, announced yesterday. He hopes the personal two-way service will be introduced in the

But the announcement, made in a parliamentary written reply to Mr Patrick Wall, Conservative MP for Haltemprice, has done little to calm the dispute about interference from equipment used by Citi-

zen's band enthusiasts.

Mr Whitelaw said that the
27 MHz AM (amplitude modulated equipment now used in Britain would remain illegal. He has decided to permit a service on 27 MHz FM (frequency modulated). Equipment be required to meet a ical specification, and technical users will have to buy a. licence. A further frequency will be made available at about

930 MHz. Last night Citizen's band enthusiasts were saying the Covernment had retreated.

Mr David Evans, general manager of the Radio Society of Great Britain, the national organization for licensed radio amateurs, said: "I think they have just given in." The legal difficulty of the use of 27 MHz had not been tackled three or four years ago as it should have been took the very have been; now the very many illegal operators had

It was estimated that 300,000 users were operating illegally, he added. Mr Evans said FM would help to reduce interference, but not to eliminate it. He and Mr Keith Townsend, secretary of the Citizen's Band Association, spoke of the difficulties of regulation. Mr M. J. Spencer, managing director of Citizens Bank UK,

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By Staff Reporters

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The Prince of Wales, in presenting the Enterprise Scotland awards in Glasgow yesterday, commended his own recent

He said he was happy to say

He had been touched to see

how happy the news had made other people in the midst of what was otherwise not an en-

"Such was the anxiety that I had letters in the last two

weeks or so from various organ-izations saying, 'Please hurry up and do something about it'.

They wanted to take advantage

Mrs Frances Shand Kydd, the mother of Lady Diana Spencer, returned to London

that the aunouncement of his engagement had made shares go up. "Value for money" he remarked.

created the pressure to force

which, he said, imported and distributed legal equipment for citizen's band use, thought the Government had confused the issue. People who had already paid for their sets would not throw them away.

Mr Evans, however, was pleased that the Government was also making a frequency band available around 930 MHz. Mr Whitelaw said that equipment using it should provide a good service with minimum risk of interference.

Speaking of the new service, Mr Timothy Raison, Minister of State at the Home Office, said: "The interference which illegal CB equipment is causing to television reception and emergency services is giving rise for concern, and now that the Government has gone so far towards meeting the wishes of supporters of CB, I hope that we can rely on those with illegal equipment to act responsibly and stop using it".

Mc Whitelaw said in a par-

liamentary written reply on December 18 that he favoured introduction of citizen's band radio on a frequency of about 930 MHz. But because of public demand for an alternative he agreed to consider the possibility of making legal use of a lower frequency. the possibility of making legal use of a lower frequency.

The frequency selected, 27 MHz FM, should give CB enthusiasts what they want at about the same cost as illicit equipment, but with far less interference to other users, the Home Office said.

Nearly 5,000 complaints in the next five months of inter-

the past five months of interference to radio, television, and high fidelity equipment were directly traced to the use of illegal 27 MHz AM sets.

Mr Townsend said that his association had asked for evidence to the sets.

dence to support the Home Office figures of interference complaints, but none had been forthcoming.

Approval for

force sought

Parliamentary authority for Trident nuclear missile sub-marines to replace the present

Polaris force as a viable inde-pendent British strategic deter-rent is to be sought by the Government at the conclusion

of a Commons debate next

Tuesday.

A small group of Cabinet ministers decided last July to build British submarines to

carry the lang-range Trident

missile being qurchased from

the United States at an initially

estimated cost of about £5,000m.

However, the decision has never been put to Parliament.

It was debated briefly only on the Liberals' initiative last

Ministers say certain commit-ments in the procurement pro-

gramme will be seen as authorized by next Tuesday's vote.
The precise terms of the gov-

exemment motion are not known.

**Trident** 

By Fred Emery Political Editor

### Acquisition of control of 'The Observer' may be subject to inquiry by monopolies commission | Once-bitten. Lonrho agrees takeover must have government consent

By Dan van der Vat

The Government and Lonrho were in agreement yesterday that the company's acquisition of control of The Observer required the consent of Mr John Biffen, the Secretary of State for Trade, under the terms of the Fair Trading Act, 1973.

Spokesmen for Lonbro said that the unexpected decision by Atlantic Richfield Corporation (Arco) to exchange the newspapes for a 40 per cent stake in George Outram, Londro's wholly owned Glasgow publishing subsidiary, was subject for of a newspaper . . . to a . to government approval. proprietor whose newspapers ha

Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, taking Prime Minister's questions in Parliament in the absence of Mrs Margaret Thatcher, said that government consent was required and that no application for consent had then been received. However, Lord Duncan-Sandys, chairman of Lourho, later visited the Department of Trade to discuss the matter.

The Act is clear on the subject. Section 58 reads, in part: " A trans-

proprietor whose newspapers have an average circulation per day of publication amounting, together with that of the newspaper concerned in the transfer, to 500,000 or more copies shall be unlawful and void, unless the transfer is made with written consent given . . . by the Secretary of State (for Trade). The Observer sells almost a million

The Secretary of State is required to call on the newspaper panel of the Monopolies and Mergers Com-

Crisis Budget

will slash

editorial control would remain

The company said in a statement that the highly respected overseas editorial team would

continue to provide important

quality coverage on Africa, the

that through the greater utilization of The Observer's facilities, for instance the

Eire worry

on defence

From Christopher Thomas

Senior Irish politicians are

increasingly worried about the future of the country's policy of neutrality in international affairs after suggestions that

Britain and Ireland might con-

sider establishing a defence

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From Ronald Faux

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mission to conduct an investigation before he gives his consent. There are two exceptions: Where the newspaper concerned is not economic and when the transfer is one of urgency or if the newspaper is not intended to continue; as a

separate paper. The second exception applied to The New Standard's absorption of the Evening News in London last year. The first was held by Mr Biffen to apply when Mr Rupert Mur-

doch took over Times Newspapers.

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rebels

# twice shy postmen get

By Patricia Tisdall

Postmen who are threatener by fierce dogs can take comfort from new powers that will per mit postal deliveries to be made to garden gate letter boxes, M. Charles Morris, Labour MP for Manchester, Openshaw, sair vesterday.

He was speaking in favour of a clause of the British Tele communications Bill that will enable mail to be delivered to boxes at ends of farm lanes or at a central point in a block of flats, but only if the recipient agrees.

On average, 4.250 postmen were bitten by dogs while delivering mail in each of the past three years, Mr Morris told the committee examining the

One in five bites were serious enough to cause the postman to stay off work for three days or more, yet he might have to return to the same address for more of the same medicine. Under the Post Office's Iudicrous" procedures for

procedures for dealing with such incidents, the Head Postmaster had to write to the owner of the dag warning him that his dog was dangerous. And who has to deliver this letter but the postman, possibly the same one, who had been bitten in the first place?"

Mr Morris urged dog owners and the Post Office to take advantage of the new garden gate delivery service allowed under the Bill However, any such relief for once-bitten, twice-shy postmen depended on coopera tion from bouseholders.

The Post Office would have preferred to make such services compulsory, to allow it more scope to cut costs rather than to protect postmen, Mr Michael Marsball, Under-Secretary of State for Industry, told the committee. But the Government had decided that it should be by

# on the press

The Government was in-formed of the sale of *The* Observer only after the deal had been concluded, Mr Wil-liam Whitelaw, Home Secretary, disclosed yesterday in the

Answering for the Prime Minister, who is in Washington, Mr Whitelaw made clear that the transfer of ownership to Lourho was conditional on the Government's consent.

There were immediate Labour protests. Later Labour backbenchers were strongly press-ing their leadership for a full Commons debate on the free-dom and diversity of the press. At a meeting of the Parliamen-tary Labour Party backbenchers said the Government's refusal to refer Mr Rupert Murdoch's purchase of Times Newspapers to the monopolies commission had "opened the floodeates". At question time Mr Whitelaw intimated that the first official cognizance the Government had

was yesterday morning, Mr Francis Pym, Leader of the House, agreed that it was an important matter, but sug-gested that it was suitable for an MP to raise in private member's time.

### Labour plea Journalists ask for guarantees

By Our Labour Staff Journalists on The Observer voted to approve the Lourho takeover last night provided that firm guarantees were given on editorial independence.

The decision was made after a meeting between Mr Roland Rowland and members of the office chapel of the National Union of Journalists, which lasted more than an hour. Mr Rowland is understood to have given assurances that he was not seeking redundancies.

He is said to have been involved in exchanges with two senior journalists about Lonrho's relations with the Tanzanian Government, and about the newspaper's reporting of the Londro bid for House of

Fraser.

The journalists, at a union meeting attended by between 60 and 70 members, nevertheless welcomed, by what was said to be a comfortable majority, the proposed takeover, provided that editorial guarantees were given. Earlier Mr William Keys,

general secretary of the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades, said that he had been dismayed that union leaders had not been warned in advance of the deal.

Idea of control from Glasgow discounted possibility of a new London evening paper, a substantial additional contribution to the revenue of The Observer will be made, thereby bringing the paper auto a profix position."

There had been some alarm in Glasgow that the acquisition would upset plans by Outram to produce a new Sunday news-wanted to know, for example. Glasgow
The startling suggestion that
The Observer would in future
be controlled from Glasgow by
its new owners, George Outram and Company, was firmly denied yesterday. Lonrho, the parent company of Outram, said there was no intention of moving The Observer's printing capability from its premises in London and

would upset plans by Outram to produce a new Sunday newspaper which will be called The Sunday Standard.

Mr Charles Wilson, editor-designate, said emphatically that publication would go ahead on April 26. He admitted it would compete directly in Scotland with The Observer but the services provided would but the services provided would be different and add a Scottish dimension to the quality of analysis and writing that readers expected from The Observer.

He expected that initially

wanted to know, for example, whether Galashiels had beaten whether Galashiels had bearen Hawick.

These are exciting times in Scottish journalism. The Sunday Standard will partly compete with the 250,000 readership comanmed by The Observer and The Sunday Times in Scotland. In addition The Scotsman in Edinburgh is thought

man in Edinburgh is thought

### to be advancing plans to pub-lish a Sunday newspaper The Rowland faithful, page 14 Leading article, page 15 Fraser decision, page 23

By Peter Hemessy

Britain's Composite Signals

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Controversy has been heightened by some apparently unguarded remarks by Mr. Humphrey Atkins, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, on

(GCEQ) in Cheltenham, the unions.
central establishment of the Another area of particularly
Composite Signals Organiza- scute concern to Whitehall con-

Should selective strike action bility that a small but impor-tant number of signals intelli-gence activities will be disrupted where adequate alterna- Revenue, tive cover by the NSA is not The cus

New plans drawn up by the Civil Service unions, whose members work for the GCHQ and the Composite Signals Organization, on the basis of experience gained between December, 1979, and March, 1980, when station radio officers

vice, MI6, could be seriously and whose work the NSA canaffected by industrial action not properly duplicate, are
contemplated by the Council of listening posts in Hongkong
Civil Service Unions in furthernot properly duplicate, are listening posts in Hongkong and on Ascension Island, in the South Atlantic. Much of the work of the

United Kingdom Intelligence station on Irron Moor, above Agreement, 1946, Whitehall Scarborough, can be taken over and Washington have divided by the NSA, but parts of it up the world between them for cannot. They include aspects the purposes of gathering important to Nato's biannual war simulation exercise code-action named, Winter 31, which is due to start on March 8, a day 1979 at the Government Com- before the one-day strike munications Headquarters planned by the Civil Service

tion, the United States National tingency planners sitting on a Security Agency (NSA) was secret Cabinet committee of able to provide cover for the British intelligence community for several weeks.

Coccurrent weeks. meets under the chairmanship take place as expected next of Mr Angus Fraser, a Civil month, there is a strong possi-bility that a small but impor-secretary, is computers used for tax gathering by the Customs and Excise and the Inland

> The customs yield an average of £462m a week to the Exchequer and the Inland Revenue £511m. Contingency plans prepared by E(OCS) could prevent all of that being lost through selective strikes against computer installations, but the committee estimated that government worries about conditions of se the pubic sector borrowing the same thing.

requirement could be exacer-bated by the loss of £1,000m in six weeks.

If E(OCS) plans are implemented, employers may be asked by the Government to pay their Paye tax returns and national insurance contributions by alternative means once a

act as temporary reception centres for such payments, which would be calculated on a rough-and-ready basis from receipts received in the recent past, with the Government promising to make adjustments once the strike was over. ing at work in customs and revenue local offices could be asked by their departments to

accept such payments over the counter, even though that is not normally part of their duties. If they refuse, the Civil Service will implement what is known in E(OCS) circles as the slaughter of the innocents

option. That involves suspending without pay non-striking staff who refuse instructions to cover their colleagues taking

industrial action. Since the time of the Callaghan Administration successive law officers have given conflicting advice about the legality of such tactics, but the present Government seems keen to apply it on the ground that although an individual civil servant does not have a con-

### from Australia yesterday. She said that Lady Diana had telephoned her a few hours after she had accepted the Prince's If it specifies Trident the Opposition will vote against. However, the Shadow Cabinet proposal. To replace Allibar, the Prince's horse that died suddenly last week, he has bought Good Prospect, a 22-times winproposal. has not discussed its position on the continuation of the Polaris force since Mr Michael Foot became leader of the Opposi-

Prison crisis measures

allowed to lapse By Our Home Affairs

Correspondent Entergency nounced by the Government in October to deal with the crisis created by prison officers' industrial action are being allowed to lapse tomorrow.

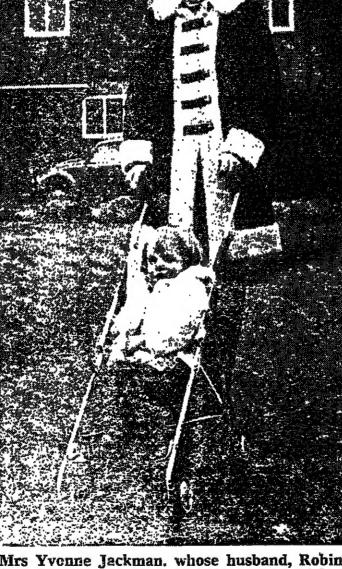
Mr William Whitelaw, the
Home Secretary, said in a pardisnicutary written reply yester-day that he did not propose to seek continuation of the Impri-sonment (Temporary Provi-

He told Mr Edward Gardner, Conservative MP for South Fylde, that the suspension of

industrial action by officers had allowed the emergency use of Frankland Prison and Rollestone Camp to be ended. By no longer be necessary to use police cells instead of prison

accommodation.

He praised the "outstanding" performance of servicemen and police in helping with the care and custody of pri-soners and thanked the courts for their understanding.
Negotiations with the Prison Officers' Association on a new duty system were proceeding, M: Whitelaw said.



Mrs Yvenne Jackman, whose husband, Robin Jackman, has been banned from playing cricket in Guyana because of his South African

# Speedy decisions pledge on coal, steel, rail

took a stage further its "prag-matic" policy of accommoda-tion with powerful trade unions by promising to speed decisions investment in the nationalized industries.
Union leaders of the coal-

" triple alliance" left talks with ministers convinced that there has been a significant shift in attitudes towards state-owned enterprises.

no feeling that you are just talking to your damn selves. It seems that they are listening." The steelworkers' leader, Mr William Sirs, added: "It appears there is a change in

attitude 37. They were speaking after nearly two hours of talks between leaders of the NUM,

By Paul Routledge

Labour Editor

The Government vesterday took a stage further its "prag
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On Microbiol Trades Confederation and Steel for Energy and Mr Norman Trades Confederation and Steel for Energy and Mr union proposals for greater public investment in their industries.

> The "summit" at the Department of Employment brought together union leaders and Mr James Prior, the Sccretary of State for Employment, Sir Keith Joseph, the Secretary of State for Industry, Mr David the National Union of Railway- Howell, the Secretary of State share of available cash.

Mr Prior emphasized at the

meeting that the Government was not prejudiced against public investment. He repeated that view at a press conference, while conceding that there were legitimate fears among Conscrvative backbenchers that state industry was getting a large

leaves hospital

# Tory sniping on interest rates fails to disarm Chancellor



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By Hugh Noyes Parliamentary Correspondent Westminster

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Chancellor of the Exchequer, was left in no doubt yesterday of the deep concern throughout the Commons, of friend and foe alike, at the economic state of the nation and of the dire need to say something, if only good-bye, that might encourage the helief that better times were on

the way. Against the background of his Budget statement in 11 days' time and the disturbing news yesterday of the trading losses of ICI and the halving of its final dividend, the Chancellor came under heavy pressure from both Tory and Labour benches to reduce interest rates and produce some formula to

relieve Britain's hard-pressed going to be enough on Budget Presumably, somewhere in the jungle of backbenchers Sir a programme for recovery that Geoffrey must have had his will at least sound realistic. supporters, but if so they were

keeping their heads well below The Chancellor, who was being interrogated at the last Treasury prophecies that the question time for the Treasury recession will start to bottom before the Budget on March 10, was given a clear warning by Tory MPs that they are not

going to be satisfied much longer with sightings by the Government of pots of gold at the foot of the rainbow and lights at the and of tunnels. Yesterday's rumblings from a growing bane of malcontents on the Tory benches must have indicated to Sir Geoffrey that "steady as she goes" is not

water unless he comes up with

On past occasions the voices of unrest have usually been balanced by those urging the government to stay the course. out later in the year usually brought comfort to the weak of But yesterday even Mr John

Bruce-Gardyne, the hardest monetarist of them all, was not to be heard pleading with the Government to stand ifrm. Challenged first from the Labour benches, Sir Geoffrey resorted to the usual tranquillizers about keeping interest reducing inclation rates under review and his Parliamentary re

desire to see them come down. But he was soon brought sharply to attention as the Conservative benches joined in. Another Tory, Mr Robin Squire, quoted the imaginative article in last Sunday's Obscrucr on the need to reduce the rate by 3 per cent in the Budget.
There would be even greater
pleasure, he said, if the rate
was brought down instantly.

With Treasury Ministers gagged by the requirement not to reveal anything in advance of the Budget, Sir Geoffrey's replies ere somewhat cryptic. He refused, however, to under-take any significant reflation He refused, however, to undertake any significant reflation of the economy. To do so, he suid, would undermine the substantial progress made in reducing inclation

Parliamentary report, page 11 of the economy. To do so, he suid, would undermine the substantial progress made in

### Union threat to signals spy unit By Peter Hennessy cessful industrial action, could

ence of its pay claim.
Under the United States— United Kingdom Intelligence
Agreement 1946, Whitehall
and Washington have divided
up the world between them for

signals intelligence.
During industrial Irish Radio.

He said of the possibility of taken by data processing staff in a defence agreement: "This is something, no doubt, that can be talked about. Indeed, we have a common interest in

potential enemies, and as I say, here we are off the coast of Europe. "We are threatened; Europe is threatened. We have as close an interest as any other two countries in Europe, and there-fore of course this can be talked

potalitarianism

He thought that the subjects to discussed in the join Anglo-Irish studies which were agreed at the Dublin summit between the British and Irish prime ministers last December were still being looked at.

Nothing is going to be decided until the two heads of government meet again some time in the summer."

Mr Frank Cluskey, leader of

the Labour Party, clashed with the Speaker in the Dail yester-day after being ruled out of order when he tried to question Mr Charles Haughey, the Prime Minister, about Mr Atkins's remarks.

Dr Garret FitzGerald, leader of Fine Gael, declared that he would put down a special notice question on the issue. He demanded a statement from Mr Haughey and accused him of misleading the House a fortnight ago when he denied that the policy of neutrality was to be abandoned in favour of a military alliance with Britain. Ulster "loyalism", page 14

# Mrs McAliskey

Mrs Bernadette McAliskey, the former MP, who was shot several times at her home on January 16, left the Royal Vic-toria Hospital, Belfast, on Tuesday, it was revealed yesterday. She was reunited with her husband, who was also wounded in the attack, and they are believed to have slipped into the Irish Republic to stay with friends. The couple have three

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Central S England, W Midlands. WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY : c, cloud ; d, drizzle ; f, fair ; r. rain ; s, sun ; si, sicet.

Channel Islands, N Wales, Isle of Mau: Dry, sunny intervals, becoming cloudier; wind SE frech to strong; max temp 3° to 4°C (37° to 39°F).

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E, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Mostly dry, rather cloudy, few sunny intervals; wind SE, fresh; max temp 2° to 3°C (35° to 27°F). SW England. S Wales. N Ireland: Rather cloudy, rain slowly spreading from W; wind SE, strong; max temp 5° to 6°C (41° to 43°F). Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: Continuing cold: day: Continuing cold: Sea passages: S North Sea. Stratts of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind SE strong; sea rough.
St George's Channel, Irish Sea:
Wind SE strong to gale; sea very

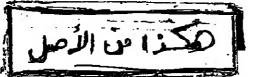
The weather forecast chart on February 21 showed the wind in the opposite direction to that forecast.

### Yesterday

London: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 3°C, (37°F); min 6 pn to 6 am. 1°C, (24°F). Humidity 6 pm, 72 per cent. Rain, 24 ht to 6 pm, nil. Sun, 24 ht to 6 pm nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm 1.021.9 millibars, falling.

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# Authorities have blank cheque for opening political mail, MP says in urging curbs on scrutiny

Allegations that interception and copying of mail is so com-monplace that "crude and blatant mistakes" occur were made during the committee stage of the Telecommunica-tions Bill in the House of Commons yesterday.

Moving a new clause that would introduce statutory controls on interception of letters, Mr Kenneth Weetch, Labour MP for Ipswich, said that such surveillance was at least as common as telephone tapping. There was evidence that at

least 400 letters a year con-nected with political organizations were tampered with in London alone, he said.

"If the public is under any illusion that every letter that is intercepted is on proper authority of the Home Secretary, then they will believe anything." A network for intercepting letters

existed in Britain, he said.

At every post office there was a list of cards, regularly updated, with details of every group whose mail the Special Branch, MI5 or other requesting agents wanted to intercept.

Those letters were specially sorted and there was a fleet of motor cycles standing by at postal headquarters in St Mar-

take them to the corporation's special investigation division. Inspector Clouseau-type blun-

said yesterday that he was

quietly confident of mustering

the necessary support among Tory MPs to defeat the Gov-

crament in its resistance to

statutory controls on telephone

Mr John Gorst, MP for Barnet, Hendon North, believes

he can find the 20 or so Tory

MPs needed to ensure that the Labour-sponsored clause on tapping remains in the Tele-

It was Mr Gorst's backing for

the clause that brought about

the Government's defeat at the

Cardinal Hume, the Arch-bishop of Westminster, has

instituted an inquiry into the role of the secretive organiza-

tion, Opus Dei, in the church

in England, it was disclosed

yesterday.
Dr John Roche, a former senior member of the organiz-

communications Bill.

A Conservative backbencher at the report stage.

Bill's committee stage. The struggle to avoid any law on Government has declared its telephone tapping."

ation and an Oxford don, went request to produce his papers.

been delivered to it in 1972: he showed the receipt to the committee.

Mr Jim Huggon, who is responsible for the bookshop, part of an anarchist publishing group, confirmed later that the receipt had been found.

There was no "hard evithat the shop's mail, dence ' mainly concerned with book orders and general inquiries, had been tampered with since then, Mr Huggon said. While there were inevitably suspicions about mail that had been opened and officially resealed because of " damage in transit", use of methods such as X-rays means that it was impossible to

detect interference. Mr Weetch described to the committee some of the instruments used secretly to scrutioize mail without leaving

They included a device like a spinning needle inserted in envelopes to photograph the contents, and carbon scanners that picked up ink traces through envelopes so that a letter could be read.

The new clause, which would ban all interceptions except for tin's-Le-Grand in London, to detecting serious crime, ter-rorism and espionage, is similar that proposed to control telephone tapping.

Mr Weetch said that organizations like the Special Branch

yesterday from within the 125,000-member Post Office Engineering Union, which backs the clause, that the timing of Lord Diplock's report on telephone tenning to be not because the control of the property of the control of t

telephone tapping, to be published next Tuesday, is an

artempt to deflect support for

the legislation.

Mr Roger Darlington, assis-

tant research officer at the union and author of its report,

Tapping the Telephone, which

provides the material for the clause, said: "The Diplock re-

port is part of a parliamentary

hand a collection of confidential

Cardinal's advisers.
An official at Archbishop's

House said that Cardinal Hume had also asked Opus Dei to supply him with documents.

The official confirmed that Dr Roche had complied with the

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Stepney, east London, found a and MI5 and possibly unreceipt from the division among authorized groups had a blank a batch of six letters that had been delivered to it in 1972; purely political reasons.

"If you are to the left of the Labour Party or to the right of the Tory party, then there is a high probability that you will be investigated in some shape

Tampering with letters was at least as prelevant as telephone tapping, he said.

The Home Office is opposing legal controls on interception

of mail A statement from the Home Office read out by Mr Kenneth Baker, Minister for Industry and Information Technology, opposing the clause, said it was unnecessary because a warrant from the Secretary of State was needed before mail could be legally intercepted under ex-

isting legislation. In addition there was a risk of helping criminals because secrecy could not be maintained if the courts were able to inquire into individual circum-

Like the clause on telephone tapping, the proposed measures to curb interception of mail, to curb interception of mail, will be debated again at the

Mr John Gorst, Conservative
MP for Barnet, Hendon North,
who had swung the committee's vote in favour of the earlier telephone tapping amendment, abstained yesterday, but he said the principle behind the

guards and legal remedies

against abuses in official

tapping.
Mr Darlington said yesterday

that the clause, which was sup-ported by Mr Gorst in prin-ciple but not in all details,

might be whittled down with a

view to gaining more Con-

He wants the clause amended

so that tapping can be allowed

for "subversive", as well as "terrorist" and "espionage".

Cardinal Hume opens an investigation into the activities of Opus Dei

day at the Cardinal's request to about Opus Dei's recruitment of restricted to senior members of

teenagers and the psychological pressures he claims it applies to its members that led him to

show his documents to The Times, which published its findings on the organization

last month. Other news organizations have since taken up the

Dr Roche's documents include

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service. That service is now in jeopardy in many areas after the High Court ruling on Wednesday that Hereford and Hope of victory over phone tapping Worcester had no legal right to charge a parent fees for instru-mental tuition given to his two The union's report, published last summer, expressed concern But fears were expressed over the range of unofficial daughters as part of their normal curriculum within tapping, which is not covered by Lord Diplock's review, and also at the lack of legal safe-

By Diana Geddes

Education Correspondent

A number of local authorities admitted yesterday that they

have suspected for many years that it was against the law to charge fees for music lessons in

school but had done so to be able to continue an invaluable

school hours. Local authorities all over the country yesterday were anxiously consulting legal advisers to see whether they will also be obliged to stop charging for instrumental tuition and possibly various school activities such as swimming, craft such as swimming, craft courses, residential or field trips and examination fees; and whether they will have to

repay fees. Mr John Gifford, director of education for Hereford and Worcester, and Mr John Arnett, chairman of the county's educa-

Opus Dei, which Roman Catholic

theologians consulted by The Times found to be theologically

questionable. He also handed in letters he has received since

the original article appeared

from individuals about the ex-

periences of themselves or their

children in Opus Dei. Opus Dei was founded in

tion committee, confirmed that the £50,000 paid by parents for instrumental ruition since the fees were introduced last April would be repaid.

effects of music ruling

Mr Gifford said that although
Mr Justice Forbes had given
no ruling on whether the
authority was obliged to repay
the money, he understood that repayment was implicit in the authority's undertaking to the High Court to act as "reasonable people ".

Some authorities, like Oxfordshire, have been charging fees for years and the sums involved could therefore be substantial. Many authorities are clearly appalled by the possible wide effects of the ruling, particularly in relation to instrumental tuition, which is expensive and traditionally regarded as an extra " in the curriculum, and

therefore likely to be an early candidate for cuts. Some authorizies are examin-ing the possibility of taking the activities for which fees are charged outside school hours in the hope that that would not then count as "education provided in any (maintained) school in respect of which the law stipulates fees may not be charged.

worldwide membership of more

than 70,000, nearly all lay

people.

### Councils' concern over In brief Cathedral arches

A woman was killed and seven people were injured when these buses collided at Archway, London, yesterday,

### to be repaired Work is to begin shortly on repairing the flying buttress arches on the medieval chapter

house of Lincoln Cathedral, which have been damaged by heavy traffic. Concern about cracks in the arches caused by vibration was expressed in a letter to The

Times last summer signed by the Director of the British Museum and the former Archbishop of Canterbury, among others. The city council has since agreed to a permanent ban on vehicles over three tons on the road past the east end of the cathedral.

### QC to lead defence of Peter Sutcliffe

Mr James Chadwin, OC, of Newcastle upon Tyne, will lead the defence of Peter Sutcliffe, the Bradford lorry driver who is charged with the murder of is charged with the murder of 13 women and the attempted murder of seven others. Junior counsel will be Mr Sydney Levine, of Bradford. Mr Harry Ognall, QC, and Mr John Hitchen will appear for the prosecution. No date has been fixed for the trial.

### Widow to get £126,000

Mrs Gillian Edison, a widow, of Ellison Street, Bracebridge, Lincolnshire, was awarded £126,000 agreed damages in the High Court yesterday against Humberside Sea and Land Services Ltd, of Immingham Dock, for the loss of her husband, a crane driver, who died from burns after an explosion at A minority who constitute its highest level of membership, the full-time "numeraries", are required to mortify themselves

### by wearing an abrasive chain on their thighs for two hours a day and applying a multiple-thonged whip to themselves PC murder bid charge

Stuart Blackstock, aged 26, of no fixed address, and Leslia Cooke, aged 21, of Elm Tree Avenue Northolt west London. were committed in custody by magistrates at Uxbridge yester-day accused of attempting to murder a London policeman; Phillip Olds.

### Building control plans

Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment, announcing publication of the Government's proposals for building control yesterday, said they were designed to produce clearer and more usable regulations.

### Man found hanged

Police investigating the death at his flat in Hove, East Sussex, of Mr Nigel Weeks, aged 27, son of Mr Alan Weeks, the television sports commentator, who was found hanged, said yesterday there were no suspicious circumstances.

### Youth dies in cliff fall

Martin Palaus, aged 16, of Midhurst Road, Ealing, west London, died on Wednesday after falling from a cliff-top path at St Gennys, near Bude, Cornwall, it was disclosed yes-

### Oil slick plea

Oil leaks from the German ferry, Ems, which sank off the Norfolk coast last month, have killed hundreds of sea birds. The Royal Society for the Pro-tection of Birds has asked the Department of Trade to neutra-

### Auxious fortnight ends in solvency

### How water authorities 160: swam with the tide

By Christopher Warman Local Government

Correspondent

The last two weeks have been an anxious time for the nine English regional water authorities, beginning with the au-nouncement of a government inquiry into their proposed charges for the coming year and ending with a pay settlement for their 32,000 manual tooker their 32,000 manual workers substantially above their wishes.

The two events combined might have left the authorities might have left the authorities in a state of disarray, if not near bankruptcy, but for various reasons they have emerged relatively unharmed and in good spirits.

The Thames Water Authority, the largest of the nine, said confidently last night: "We will rake it in our stree,"

take it in our stride."

The pay settlement, a 12.3 per cent increase compares with the employers first offer of 7.9 per cent and the subsequent offer of 10 per cent. Authorities are always reluciant to disclose the allowance in their budgets for wage increases, but it is certain that most would have budgeted for an increase of about 10 per cent, if not

When the Anglian Water Authority met on Wednesday to consider reductions in the budger, they were told that an increase in "high single figures" had been anticipated, but that the higher pay agreement was manageable.

The reason is that water is a copital intensive industry, and the wage bill, although important, is only a small part of the total costs.

a wage bill of £164m, a small sum compared with the industry's total revenue expenditure which was £1,500m in 1979-50.

more than £1m more than a 10 per cent agreement would have done, but the authority has made its calculations and does not envisage any further adjust-

North West allowed £63.4m for wages in its £276.5m budget, compared with £58m last year. In the same period its balances have been reduced from £13.9m to £3.2m, which leaves little room for manoeuvre.

"It is going to be very tight, and the extra will have to be and the extra will have to be recouped from the consumer in the future," the authority said. Pay settlement apart, the authorities have had to reduce their charges at the Government's request after Mr Michael Reseltine, Secretary of State for the Edition, Secretary of State for the Environment, sent in trams of independent accountants to

identify areas where savings could be made.

That came after complaints, especially from industry and commerce, about the proposed increases, ranging from 14 to 28 per cent

28 per cent.
As a result of the exercise the range of increases is now from 12 to 19 per cent, but that is not simply the result of savings. In most cases the accountants reported that they could see little scope for savings, but asked for them nevertheless. Anglian was rold to cut

operating costs by £2m It was in fact the Govern-ment that allowed the authorities to propose lower charges. by relaxing its rules on the newly introduced current cost.

accounting system and easing the financial targets. Thus, Anglican has been able to reduce its rate increase from 19.8 to 12.4 per cent, mostly

Mrs Margaret Thatcher congratulated the water authorities in the House of Commons on Tuesday for reducing their

For Thames, which has set a budget of £409m, each 1 per cent on the wage bill means an extra cost of £600,000. The Environment had got its sums settlement will therefore cost wrong.

### Bacon prices cut by Danish and **British suppliers**

By Hugh Clayton A bacon war broke out yes-terday as Danish and British suppliers cut prices. The Danish Bacon Factories'

Export Association, which supplies 43 per cent of the bacon eaten in Britain, cut its wholesale price of bacon sides by about 2p a pound and FMC, the largest British curer, reduced its price by 1p.

Mr Svend Bernsen, managing director of the Danish association, said: "The consumer should benefit from the severe competition in the bacon market. We decided to reduce our price because many of our competitors have been giving substantial discounts on their official prices."

The latest survey of shop prices from the Meat and Live-stock Commission shows that some cuts of roasting pork cost the same as a year ago.

### Doctor says he would leave addicts to die From Our Correspondent

Manchester A doctor has written in the Manchester University magazine, Communication, that he believes drug addicts and distributors should be put on an uninhabited island, supplied with their drug needs, and

allowed to die, Dr Henry Ashworth, aged 60, who has been in general practice in the Ardwick district of Manchester for 30 years and is a lecturer in the Dapartment of General Practice at the univer-sity, said in the article: "I would put them on an uninhabi-ted island off the coast of Scoted island off the coast of their land, supply them with their drugs, and there they would from their drugs.

live until they died.

"The treatment success rate is dismally low and, at any rate, it would stop them infecting other members of the community with their pernicious habits."

### Phantoms to be phased out in RAF economies By Arthur Reed " shadow" squadron to be

Air Correspondent lans to bolster Britain's air defences in the late 1980's by keeping in service three squadrons of McDonnell Douglas Phantom interceptors have been dropped because the scheme would be too expensive in money and manpower.

The idea was to have the Phantoms flying alongside the initial squadrons of the 165 air defence verrsions of Tornado multirole aircraft which the Royal Air Force has on

But the cost of keeping three Phantom squadrons in service, instead of phasing them out as to be kept at Binbrook as a

the Tornado arrives, would be as high as £00m.

The main costs would come from modernizing the Phantom's weapons and electronics systems and keeping its ageing airframe and engines in front-line condition, a process that is proving increasingly expensive.

A plan to establish a third squadron of British Aerospace Lightning interceptors to join the only two in the RAF, both established at Binbrook, Lincolnshire, has been dropped in an effort to reduce the defence budget by £200m next year.

activated when necessary. Some are used for training. It would take about two weeks to work the squadron up into a state of high readiness.

In a further effort to plug the gaps in Britain's aviation defences, experienced jet pilots who are at "flying desks" in administrative jobs will be sent back to squadrons periodically to keep up their experience so that in an emergency they could move quickly back into the front line.

The difficulty arises in finding them sufficient spare flying hours when the RAF is forced

spends in the air, as part of the service's economy drive.

RAF pilots are reduced 10: flying only 17 hours a month, from 22 hours previously, and observers of the Service wonder whether such a law. figure will suffice to maintait safety standards.

Other recent cuts imposed of other recent cuts important the RAF have reduced the number of Shackleton early him in the number of shackle three or four will be open of tional on any one day. Shackly tons are due to be replaced by

Royal College of

# Marshland drainage threat to Broads

Planning Reporter

The Broads Authority is to decide today whether to en-

scheme. But its strategy com- have been expressed about the mittee has recommended authority's ability to influence approval.

Conservationists fear not only drainage committees.

at the landscape will be irre The Council for the Protec-

decide today whether to endorse the drainage of nearly vocably changed, but also that the landscape will be irrevocably changed, but also that the scheme will strengthen the land near Great Yarmouth.

The authority has designated the area, Halvergate Marshes, the area, Halvergate Marshes, as of exceptional landscape significance, and its principal character of the Broads, is operating and the Ribble estuary, in adviser is opposed to the barrier, but doubts such as sciemes, not only on the Broads such as sciemes, not only on the Broads but also on areas such as Nature Conservancy, which Amberley Wild Brooks, in West Sussex, the Somerset Levels character of the Broads, is opposed to the barrier, but doubts Lancashire.

Art's new rector

Professor Lionel March, Pr fessor of design at the Ope University, is to become rectu-of the Royal College of Art, succession to Sir Richard Guyatt, who retires at the Cr of the summer.

The college's student unit said last night it was confide that Professor March wou give the support needed face up to the Department Education and Science ".



### Downward trend in Anglican church membership reversed

Ev Clifford Longley

The Church of England The Charlet of England appears to have entered a period of gradual, steady provide, reversing a longterm dominard trend in numbers, doraward trend in numbers, societies to the latest membership suitstics, published may represent for 1978 published

last year indicated that the charch was beginning to re-core lost ground, although sometimes in the past one year's figures have shown a remporary upturn which amed out not to be a trend. The 1979 figures not only animued the 1978 story of recovery, but also showed hoost all the indices of church combership and practice movlembership and practice mov-

There was a 12 per cent crease in baptisms over the church of England Year the of one; a 5 per cent Book 1981 (Church Information Office. Church House, Westminster, SW1, 57.50).

increase in membership clectoral rolls; and a 1 per-cent increase in regular Sun-day church attendance, which was estimated as 1,254,000.

The statistics, published as an appendix to The Church of England Year Book for this year, support the tone of optimism of the book's preface.

optimism of the book's preface.

The preface asks whether it is too fanciful to regard last year and this as the springtime of the church, given that the mood of the church and of Christian people in England was "strangely confident" in spite of national and world political and economic difficulties.

"There seems to have been a recovery of nerve, a renewal of trust and of the Christian hope that God will guide his people through change and chance."

The dispute is about the ocstion of a £12m govern-int fund to provide accommotion for the single homeless. Many hostels are old and gently need replacement, and sures would reduce places allable by more than 8,000 er the next five years.

The organizations appealed help at a press conference esided over the Archbishop

housing association projects."
Big institutions made the difficulties associated with

Commission says lack of political will to implement its reports gives reason for anxiety

# Government rebuked for inaction on proposed law reforms

By a Staff Reporter

The Government was rebuked yesterday for failing to act on law ceforms proposed by the Law Commission and other

The onnual

The commission's ennual report said: "Law reform is ultimately in the hands of Parliament and of the government of the day, and it will not progress unless there exists the necessary political will that it should", the report says.

Of all its unimplemented and every enough implemented, the commission says. There are eight reports outstanding from 1977-79, which give rise to some anxiety.

"It becomes very difficult Royal"

for us to plan our work if the Government does not express a view on recommendations made by ourselves and others within

Liability and Compensation for officials' time, the commission adds.

Personal Injuries, chaired by adds.

Few days are available for the obsence of a policy law reform Eills. Even cona reasonable time after delivery of the reports containing them."

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Nor is the failure to act confined to proposals by the Law Commission, the report says. "A number of important law reform proposals made by other bodies during the last ten years or so have not been implemented and in some cases it is not even known whether they are accepted by the Government in principle."

Two examples in the law of tort are the recommendations by the Faulks committee on defamation, in 1975, and a number of those made by the Royal Commission on Civil

"The absence of a policy decision on many of the recom-mendations in the Pearson report makes it impracticable for us to continue our work in that and related fields." The commission points out

that the Government is, on occasion, capable of very swift reaction. The commission's recommended reforms in its report on insurance law were welcomed in a consultative document by the Department of Trade within days of its publi-

The biggest dificulty is that implementation of most law reform involves legislation, and

Few days are available for law reform Eills. Even con-sideration of proposals is put

Among outstanding reports on which action is yet to be taken is one on criminal law, published in 1979, relating to interference with the course of justice, and one on co-ownership and occupation rights in the marriagnial home. the matrimonial home.

The commission concludes that although provision exists for a statutory and continuous review of the law, all that has been done is to create the basic machinery; the administrative and legislative means to make it effective are still wanting.
The report says that before

next October papers will be published on breach of confidence and illegitimacy, and working papers on the rights of access to neighbouring land, criminal libel and blasphenty.

On breach of confidence, the commission's report will propose replacing the existing law with a statutory dury backed up by a range of civil remedies. The commission emphasizes that it is not practicable to

The commission emphasizes that it is not practicable to recommend detailed legislation in all breach of confidence circumstances. Instead, it will propose a broad framework within which solutions to particular difficulties can be worked out.

worked out.

The Law Commission: fifteenth annual report, 1979-80, House of Commons paper 161 (Stationery Office, £2,90).

Social Services Correspondent The Government has decided to shelve for at least two years a planned redistribution of maternity benefits. No action will be taken until the post-poned employers' sick pay scheme has been put into operation; that scheme is not expected to be implemented until April, 1983.

The Equal Opportunities Commission yesterday called for the new power to be implemented on the same date as the earnings-related supplement abolition, to avoid hardship pregnant working

The further shelving of the Government's proposals was disclosed in a special report from the Commons Social Services Committee yesterday. The report reproduced a letter from Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services,

Mr Jenkin ruled out the committe's plea for an early and full review of the financial needs of pregnant women and the adequacy of the maternity benefits system.

"The Government takes the view that a reexamination of the arrangements for paying maternity allowance and maternity pay to working women is likely to be much more rewarding if put in hand after the new sick pay schame." after the new sick pay scheme has been operating for a while ", Mr Jenkin wrote.

### Plan to alter maternity pay shelved

By Pat Healy

In the meantime the Government will use the Social Security Bill to raise the maximum maternity pay for work-ing women from 50 per cent of salary to 100 per cent. That is intended to compensate women receiving maternity pay for the loss of earnings-related supplement, to be abolished sext January.

"The Government takes the First Special Report from the Social Services Committee. Ses-sion 1980-81 (Stationery Office, 51.10).

### Solicitors as High Court judges proposed:

By Marcel Berlins
Legal Correspondent
Solicitors should be able to
become High Court judges, the
Law Society says in a memorandum published today on the
Supreme Court Bill, which is before Parliament.
The society notes that solici-

The society notes that solicitors can become recorders and that after three years as recorders they can become circuit judges, who sit in the crown courts and county courts. But although some solicitor circuit judges had sar as deputy. Righ Court judges, they were not eligible for full appointment to the High Court beach. Of 334 circuit judges, 19 are ment to the High Court bench.
Of 334 circuit judges, 19 are
solicitors. The Bill perpetuated
the rule against solicitors by
providing that High Court
judges must be barristers of
at least 10 years' standing. The
society is pressing for an
amendment making all circuit
judges eligible to become High
Court judges.
It also calls for the removal
of the barriers stopping solici-

of the barriers stopping solici-tors from holding certain senior legal appointments. For example, the permanent secretary to the Lord Chancellor can only be a barrister.

In contrast, the post of Official Solicitor can be filled only by a solicitor. The society

proposes that all senior legal posts should be available to both branches of the legal profession, except where they require appearing in the higher courts, which solicitors are not allowed to do.

Litigants in trials where the judge dies or becomes ill and canuot complete the Case should not have to bear the legal costs wasted, the society says. The Treasury should have to pay those costs.

The death or disability of a judge was a failure of the

court system, for which the Lord Chancellor was respon-sible, and was beyond the control of the parties to the case, who should not have to pay the

Lord Hailsham of St Maryle bone, the Lord Chancellor, had said that litigants should take out insurance against the pos-sibility of the judge's death. But the society says, that presented difficulties if the judge did not wish to cooperate.

"It is the practice to insure in long cases, but even in short cases, where the death of the judge means that the case has to be heard again, the burden in costs can be a denial of justice."

The society also calls for defendants who are refused bail by magistrates to be given the right to appeal to crown court judges. Appeals against bail refusals from magistrates can go only to High Court judges.

Disabled and parks

A two-day conference on the disabled and national parks opened yesterday at the Calvert Trust's adventure centre for the disabled at Keswick, Cumbria.

### Charities clash over £12m in und for the homeless

Our Religious Affairs

The Salvation Army and the turch Army, making their st joint policy statement, said sterday that they were about am short of the money they eded to maintain their netwes of hostels for single, veople. At the same dealing the country than the country than the that comes from unemployment and homelessness."

But the Campaign for the Homeless and Rootless rebuked the Church Army and the Salvation Army for trying to perpetuate large institutional hostels.

The Rev David Moore, ampaingin

Canterbury, Dr Robert ncie, who said: "There

**Iealth** group

mingham

n its 13 years of existence
Health Education Council

i totally misconceived its

iction, Lord Hunter of New-

con, who is retiring as Vice-ancellor of Birmingham iversity, said yesterday. It questioned whether any

portant results had been ueved by the council, whose

iction, as he saw it, was

peaking at the university, he

i the council had striven to

ome a research-based dis-

line, using the techniques I framework of established

It is already becoming evi-K, however, that these thods and techniques are en not applicable to health ication", he said. There is also a passionate lire in the council that health

ambitious programme of scation has been embarked

One of its problems is that sees itself as a national

sees itself as a national sanization responsible for tering health education. It is shown all the weaknesses a national body without a m base, trying to do a job ich perhaps should not be empted in that way at all.

instead of researching new agers to health, he said, the incil should seek ways of nging home to people "the ssive dangers that are already

leators become a professional
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isfactory base has been
ablished for such a profession

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**1ethods** 

riticized

m Arthur Osman

superintendent of the Bow Mission and the campainging chairman, said: "I am shocked and saddened that the Church Army and the Salvation Army should so blatantly attempt to corner resources specifically earmarked for numerous small housing association projects."

homelessness worse, he said.
Small, community-based projects enabled people to re-establish themselves.

# month. The building, attributed to said he hoped that it would be dis-Philip Hardwick, is listed as of historic mantled carefully so that as much of and architectural interest, and in grant-Fine of £500 over radiation burns

End of the line: The Old Station at

Newmarket, Suffolk, which is due to be

demolished at the beginning of next

From Our Correspondent

Whitehaven British Nuclear Fuels Ltd was fined £500 at Whitehaven Magistrates Court. Cumbria, yesterday for failing to provide safe working conditions at its Windscale plant.

The company pleaded guilty to a charge under the Health and Safety at Work Act, 1974, over an incident in which a radiographer received three severe radiation burns to his hand while using an X-ray source to evamine welds.

The magistrates were told that the worker, Mr Peter Salmon, of Whitehaven, could bave lost his hand if the radiation dose had been higher. He added: "At the time of the incident BNF were having received doses estimated ar trouble meeting their work pro-

to process catches

dwindling distant-water fishing fleet to disappear. "The death

fleet to disappear. "The death sentence has been written, but not yet pronounced", the British Fishing Federation said. Senior members of the federation asked Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, Minister of State at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, to

consider creating a British pro-cessing fleet to replace the

foreign vessels that buy British

Agriculture Correspondent Trawlermen's leaders appealed to the Government yesterday not to allow the

British fleet

By Hugh Clayton

2.000-2.500 rems to each burn on his hand.

The company faces a claim for compensation over the in-cident from Mr Salmon's union, the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers. It is the first time the nuclear plant has been prosecuted for a nuclear incident under the Health and

Mr Leslie Clark, for the prosecution listed a series of failures to observe regulations that had contributed to Mr Salmon being burnt. He said

gramme and management allowed the recommended pro-cedure in operating the machine to be overlooked.

"X-rays could be energized while the radiographer was still touching the machine head", he said. A klaxton warning on the device might not have been

A control key used to isolate the machine for safety reasons was left in at all times. Of 20 X-ray sources in use at Wind-scale, an inspection showed that 12 had not been registered.

### Nobel winners head drive to ban chemical weapons is to build a factory in Arkan-By Pearce Wright

Science Editor

ing consent last December for its

demolition Mr Michael Heseltine,

Secretary of State for the Environment,

A group of eminent scientists is seeking to prevent British agreement to stockpile a new family of nerve gases and chemical weapons being de-veloped in the United States. The group includes four Nobel Prize winners, Sir Peter Medawar, FRS, Dr Dorothy Bodgkin, OM, FRS, Professor Maurice Wilkins, FRS, and Dr Frederick Sanger, FRS, who opened the campaign with a meeting at the House of Lords to appounce the formation of the Russell Committee against Chemical Weapons. The American Government

sas to manufacture the latest generation of nerve gas chemicals. As well as petitioning the

displayed elsewhere. The Laughton

Construction Company of 51 High

Street, Brandon, Suffolk, which plans

to redevelop the site, is still awaiting

Government to oppose a chemi-cal arms race, an appeal is being made to all scientists and technologists to reject any research associated with the production of such weapons. A statement signed by 20 senior scientists suggests that Britain might establish depots American chemical

weapons, reactivate manufacturing in the United Kingdom or equip British forces with nerve gas weapons purchased

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a Staff Reporter The use of child-resistant mainers is being extended to used by chemists' shops to duce the number of children mitted to hospital each year th accidental drug poisoning.
The scheme will cost the
tional Health Service beten E900,000 and £1,200,000 a ar, but should save more than It in hospital costs. More than
100 children with poisoning
2 admitted to hospital each
ar, most of them aged under
2, and 25 of them die.
Dr Gerard Vaughan, minister
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Lightning smashed a two-foot

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mbo jet carrying 202 pass-

Bers five minutes after it ok off from Los Angeles for

The aircraft's weather radar

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Captain Ray Dodwell, the lot, said there had been no

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"Luckily the lightng struck on a non-pressured area. It did not affect

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odon yesterday.

example, reduced admissions among the under-fives for drug poisoning from 947 to 306 in two years, and in Wales reduced the number from 644 to 181 over the same period, prompted the example example.

for conventional containers, particularly as the elderly and arrhricic can have difficulty in

With treatment of a child in hospital costing £67 a day, Dr Vaughan estimated that if the scheme was successful hospital costs should be reduced by £1,500,000 a year.

The public will be able to ask for conventional containers

opening the child-resistant type.

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an opportunity to reply.

Mr Richard Verrall, editor

of the National Front Spear-

to aspirins and paracetamol.

The success of that scheme, which in the North-east, for

MP for Down, South, was attacking the nationality Bill's provision that children born to parents "settled" in the United Kingdom should have British The number of British distant-water trawlers, defined as vessels more than 140 ft long, has fallen from more than 170 to fewer than 60 since Britain joined the EEC in 1973. He had moved an amendment in the Bill's standing com-mittee to delete it, arguing that it was a charter for widescale dual nationality. His amend-ment was rejected by 18 votes to three, Mr Powell said: "The

greatest apprehension and uncertainty in our society is among the people who have no other home and no other nationality than British, who

think they see that home and that nation being radically that harron being rankany altered and their environment fundamentally changed by the progressive and apparently inexorable growth of a population whose dual loyalties and tion whose dual loyalnes and backgrounds we have been discussing in this committee.

"They see, and they see rightly, that that population in the foreseeable future will make up a third of the population of many of our great cities."

In a speech echoing many of his past controversial state-ments on the subject, Mr Powell, Official Ulster Unionist

Mrs Margaret Thatcher visits Lodia in April.

human dignity.

tion was:

The editor, Mr Bruce Page, told Dr Butz he did not publish the letters

The Press Council's adjudica-

The complainants have made assertions and allegations in books and other published material which

### Criticism of two authors upheld A specialist writer for a political weekly was fully

That letter was set into an article by Miss Gitta Sereny which was introduced as demolishing neo-Nazi apologists. Miss Sereny saw indecency in holding dialogue with individuals such as Mr Verrall and De Pute mised truth with lies. cism did not entail a right of reply for those who had made the allegations, the Press Coun-cil has ruled.

The council rejected com-Dr Butz mixed truth with lies. The council rejected com-plaints by Dr Arthur R. Butz, of Illinois, and M Robert Faurisson, of Vichy. Each com-plained that having published an article attacking him, the New Statesman refused to give

Dr Butz mixed truth with fles.
Author of a book on the deathcamp programme, she surveyed
other publications, including a
book by Dr Butz.

She recalled that M Faurisson, associate professor of
literature at Lyons, had told
her her book proved the gas
chambers never existed; she
found that double think fascinfound that double-think fascinhead, took part in correspon-dence in the New Statesman on ating. Dr Butz sent a letter for helpful publication saying his book gation. Nazi treatment of Jews. He challenged the figure of Six

M Faurisson sent a letter challenging Mis Sereny point by point

nation was. He added: " I cannot believe -I would if I could that the constitution of our society will continue to develop, as foreseeably it must over the coming decades, without an outcome in terms of conflict.

"I ask myself if the apprehensions, mutual insecurity, mutual jealousy, and fear for the future should issue in physical violence in the future, should we be better placed to cope with that if we had ourselves by our own act natural-ized, as it were, from the start the growth of that population or if we had acknowledged their

separate nationhood." Indian opposition: The Indian Government said vesterday that it would take a firm stand on Britain's nationality Bill (Reuter reports from Delhi). Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Prime Minister, is

Some opposition members demanded that India should withdraw from the Commonwealth if Britain refused to amend the Bill.

Mr P. V. Narasimba Rao, the External Affairs Minister, told the Raiva Sabba (Upper House of Parliament) that the Government would not hesitate to tell Britain if it found that the Bill offended basic principles of

# answered Miss Sereny's argu

and other published material which the writer of the New Statesman article was fully entitled to criticize and seek to demolish. That criticism did not give rise to a right of reply or opportunity further to respond on the complainant's parts. Their complaint against the New Statesman is rejected. The Press Council appraciate Miss Serenty's full and helpful cooperation in its investigation.

### Trawlermen seek Mr Powell gives another warning of violence in attack on nationality Bill He said the danger for the future lay in the apprehensions and insecurity of those who thought they were British and thought they knew what their By Philip Webster Parliamentary Staff Mr Enoch Powell gave a new Mr Enoch Powell gave a new warning yesterday of future conflict in Britain resulting from the apprehension of the indigenous population about the growth of an immigrant population with dual loyalties and backgrounds. In a sneech echoing many of

# Spanish media shuns terrorist ultimatum on kidnapped consuls

From Harry Debelius
Madrid, Feb 26
Spanish news media have
continued to ignore almost completely an ultimatum from Basque terrorists to publish in full. Nor has the state-run reports about alleged police radio and television network or brutality as a condition for the release of the three consuls

they kidnapped last Thursday.
The plight of the consuls of
Austria, El Salvador and
Uruguay, kidnapped from their
homes in the Basoue country by the political-military wing of the outlawed ETA separatist organization was almost forgotten in the excitement caused by the attempted putsch which

failed on Tuesday. ETA said, in a communique on Monday, that the consuls release depended on publica-tion and broadcasts of reports about police brutality. It in-sisted that Spain's main news-papers and radio and television networks broadcast the full text of a 1980 report by Amnesty International, another report allegedly prepared by the Basque regional Parliament and colour photographs which purportedly show injuries to the body of a suspected Basque extremist who died after nine days of police interrogation.

So far, few Spanish newsexplain whether they intend to comply or why they will not and none of them has complied in full. Nor has the state-run private radio networks.

One exception was the San Sebastian daily El Diario Vasco, which today published an Amnesty International report. plus two photographs of the allegedly torrured man and an article summing up complaints by organizations and individuals about alleged brutal treatment by police. It published a lead-ing arricle explaining that it was doing so in the hope of saving the hostages' lives.

The respected Madrid daily, El Pais, reminded its readers, that it printed extensive ex-tracts from the Amnesty International report in its edition of last December 3

The Bilbao daily, Deia, which reflects the opinions of the powerful Basque Nationalist Party, said that in the past it had published summaries of reports, including the Amnesty international document, and it did not feel obliged to reprint the same material.

### Malta Bill strikes at rule of law, jurists claim

The International Commission of Jurists said today that the code of Organization and Civil Procedure (Amendment) Bill, now under consideration by the Parliament of Malta, strikes at the basic principles of the rule of law".

The commission pointed out that the Bill proposed to establish a government-appointed body of five members which would "threaten the indepen-dence of the judiciary and the legal profession". Moreover it would severely reduce oppor-tunities for citizens to challenge a government decision before the courts.

The Government of Malta regards the Bill as an instrument for effecting "a comprehensive reform of the judicial system". Dispute over wrecks: The Maltese Government is considering withdrawing from the Council of Europe, Mr Dom Mintoff, the Prime Minister, told Parliament in Valletta

council's reluctance to discuss the dispute between Malta and Britain over the removal of Second World War bombs and wrecks around the island.— Agence France-Presse.



Spain's new Prime Minister and Señora Calvo Sotelo with their eight children Pablo, Andres, José Marie, Víctor, Pedro, Pilar, Juan and Leopoldo.

# Spain takes steps to prevent further coup attempts

From Richard Wigg
Madrid, Feb 26
Señor Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo
swore before King Juan Carlos
today "to protect and ensure
that others protect "Spain's
democratic Constitution when
he took the oath of office as Prime Minister.

The ceremony took place in an atmosphere of marked ner-yousness as the extent of Monday's failed coup sank deeper into the general con-sciousness. This was noticeable today, both in political circles and in the higher echelous of the Army.
The Prime Minister's first

overriding task, as he described it last night, is to steady the nation by drawing the lessons from Monday's seizure of the Cortes and so eliminate the possibility of a future military

takeover.
"There is only one Army in Spain, loyal and obedient to the King, not twoone loyal and one wanting to stage a coup", Lieutenant-General Ricardo

Arozarena, declared publicly when he took over today as the new Captain General of the fourth military region in Catalonia. His predecessor in Barcelona has been moved to replace Lieutenant-General Milans del Bosch, leader of the failed coup in Valencia.

The general nervousness also obliged the joint chiefs of staffs in Madrid to deny a series of rumours today and even spike some before they arose. For instance, they took the unusual step of explaining beforehand that two bartalions of tanks would be returning through Madrid later today from manoeuvres in the Aragon region which were started before Monday's events. There was absolutely no reason for

was absolutely no reason for public alarm, they said. The exact role played on armoured division, thought to Monday night by the elite be crucial in any military takeover of the capital, is now under investigation. This is one of the main matters for con-

sideration by Colonel Ignacio Diez de Aguilar, the military's investigating magistrate, who is now inquiring into the identity those responsible for the

As the Prime Minister prepared his Cabinet list, the four main political parties and the trade union confederation today issued a call for a mass silent demonstration tomorrow in support of democracy. This is likely to be a test for

the public mood of mingled fear, shock and possibly even some indifference under the impact of Monday's events. The demonstrations are to take place in Madrid, Valencia and Barcelona. In the Basque country, the national parties have also ordered demonstrations, but the Basque extreme nationalists want their own

counter-demonstration. Señor Felipe Gonzalez, leader of the Socialists, the biggest opposition party, said last night that the Prime Minister had

made "a grave error" in refus- ments to the Ministries ing his offer to join a coalition Defence and the Interior. and help defend Spain's There were understanda and help defend Spain's threatened democratic institutions, Senor Calvo Sotelo is composing his Cabinet entirely from members of his own Centre Democratic Union party. He argues that long negotiations would be required for a broad coalition, and these would not be possible at so critical a juncture. He maintains that his own party, now backed by 18 democracy, was later reduced to votes from the moderate Cata- tears as he reasserted the lans and the right-wing Demo-cratic Coalition, will be well able to consolidate democracy.

However, the Socialists insist that the new Cabinet must be made up solely of democratic conviction and should not in-

elected Parliament.

conviction and should not in-clude those converted to demo-cracy in the last years of Francoism. This dispute is likely to remain a leading issue in the coming months, and it is with this warning in his ears that the Prime Minister has to decide on the crucial appoint-

There were understandably

highly emotional scenes when the Cortes reconvened yesterday. Senor Landelino Lavilla, the Speaker, who read a telegram from Mme Veil, president of the European Parliament, praising the Cortes for having served the cause of European democracy, was later reduced to authority of Spain's freely

General Manuel Gutierrez, the outgoing Deputy Prime Minister in charge of defence matters, who though over 70, fought to take the pistol away from Colonel Tejero on Monday, was applauded and then kissed by women MPs.

King Juan Carlos has granted Senor Adolfo Saarez, the outgoing Prime Minister, the title of Duke of Suarez.

### **Dutch Labour Party call** to bar cruise missiles

Amsterdam, Feb 26. - A future Dutch coalition govern- lands. ment that included the Labour Party would be a guarantee against the deployment in the Netherlands of American nuclear missiles, Mr Max van den Berg, the party chairman,

said here today.

In his opening address to the party congress, Mr van den Berg called for closer contact with Belgium, Denmark and Norway on nuclear disarmament. He said it was the Labour

Party's duty to fight the deployment and use of nuclear arms, even if this meant the Netherlands would have to review its international political commit-

Referring to the 48 cruise missiles that Nato wants to deploy in the Netherlands as part of its European nuclear modernization plan, he said: "The Labour Party in government will be an absolute guar-antee that the cruise missiles

will not come to the Nether-

"The Labour Party can and must play an important role nationally and internationally in the political movement that is against a new, rising cold war atmosphere and rearmament", His comments reflected the

majority view in the powerful socialist movement, but they did not touch on the nuclear controversy that threatens the position of Mr Joop den Uyl, the Labour Party leader. While a majority of the local

forces. Mr den Uvl wants to retain one or two to give the Dutch a stake in future international disarmament negotia-

With a general ele-scheduled for May 26. Labour Party congress is. by tradition, the starting signal for the active campaign to begin.

### Dispute over equality follows death equality sentence

From Charles Hargrove Paris, Feb 26

There are now seven men ; French prisons under sentence of death awaiting the fina decision of the Cour de Casse tion, the highest appeal court

reprieve. This is the highest numbe since 1965, when four were retried and three reprieved There may be more in comin; months if the present trend o juries towards greater severin

and a possible presidentia-

continues. Yesterday, after seven and a half hours, the jury of the assizes of the Val de Marne south-west of Paris, returned a verdict of death against Yves Maupetit, aged 32, and of life.

Terriel, aged 50. They were found guilty of the murder of three people in 1977 and 1978 in particularly harrowing circumstances. The judges, the jury, the reporters and the public were spared none of the gruesome detail;

The trial was held in the ultra-modern court at Cretail, the new town south-west of Paris, and close-ups of the mutilated bodies of the victims and of their ransacked homes. and of their ransacked homes were projected on television

screens.
The Creteil verdict has given controversy in France over the death penalty. It was, many commentators have pointed out, a paradoxical and un-balanced verdict. Both defendants emerged, throughout the five-day proceedings, as equally guilty of the charges against

them.

But Mme Terriel was spared the death sentence, most commentators agree, simply because woman to be sentenced to death was in 1973; in the island of Réunion and the last to be guillotined was in 1949, at Angers.
Since then women have been

systematically reprieved it is probable, after the Creteil verdict, that no woman will ever be sentenced to death in France again.

"This discrimination in the face of the guillotine is no less shocking," Le Quotidien de Paris comments today, "than discrimination over wages or employment. If the crimes of Maupetic called for no other response than death, the same was true of Terriel. Or vice versa

M Maupetit pleaded to the last that he had not killed.

Mme Terriel maintained that she had only killed one of the victims.

Closely linked with the con troversy over the death penalty is the problem of popular juries, who have been respon-sible for the recent spate of death sentences. Since the reform of 1978, which was adopted unanimously by Parlia ment and regarded as a step! branches favour immediate distanting of all six nuclear task jurors are no longer choses from among notabilities, re-tired professional people of #1 local officials on a list drawn 2::

up by the authorities.

In the past, juries tended to be predominantly rural and conservative. Now they are much more truly representatives: of a cross-section of French society, and therefore reflect its fears and instincts.

### West German standards place stress on children

# School system blamed for suicides

From Patricia Clough Bonn, Feb 26

The tragedy is so frequent it problems of children. hardly makes more than a few lines in the papers: a 13-yearold girl shoots herself; a 14year-old boys hangs himself in his bedroom; another throws himself under a train.

The reason is depressingly familiar. One has had a bad report at school, another cannot face an examination, a third is afraid to tell his parents he has to repeat a year

Now young West German teachers have accused the edu-cation system, with its "marks and performance cult" of being partly responsible for this mass drama". They have listed chilling figures. Between 500 and 700 schoolchildren com-mit suicide each year; 18,000 young people attempt to kill themselves; 600 die from drugs.

Leaders of an association of young German teachers told a press conference this week that the education system failed to pay enough attention to the Federal Education Ministry individual personalities and tried to encourage a more ready problems of children. laxed, less achievement oriented in

They appealed to the education authorities to rethink the aims of education. Teachers, they said, were trained simply to transmit knowledge. They were not taught to encourage the personal development of each child. The association, an offshoot of one of the main teachers'

unions, represents 30,000 young elementary and secondary school teachers and, without doubt, the views of millions of

In Germany, where paper qualifications and examination results often count for more than actual ability, success at school is essential for success in life.

The stress on both children and their anxious parents has increased in recent years with growing youth unemployment and the need to compete even harder for jobs.

After a thorough study of the

laxed, less achievement-oriented attitude with a campaign "Funal at School". But the Lander, which actually run the schools took little notice and Ministry officials consider it a failure.

A clue to the artitude still prevailing in many schools was given recently by the president of another union which represents grammar school teachers. Herr Clemens Christians and the condition of another and the condition of another clemens christians. Herr Clemens Christians claimed that standards required from school children were slip ping badly and that they should be made to take their school

work more seriously.
"Work should not be fun and free time should not be tun and free time should not be serious matter", he said. Stan dards had dropped particularly badly, he said, in North Rhine. Westphalia where children were judged according to their effort and progress as well a beginning to their marks.

Worse still, the number of the words children were expected to learn in English, he said, hard been reduced during the pass problem a few years ago the 10 years by one-third.

### 20 police hurt in clash with Berlin squatters

From Gretel Spitzer Berlin, Feb 26

Twenty policemen were injured, seven seriously, in a fight to prevent the occupation of a vacant house by squatters last

Shop windows were smashed and 16 police vehicles were damaged during the clash between about 300 squatters and sympathizers and 100 police in the Schöneberg district of the city.

The present policy in Berlin is to try to prevent any further occupation of empty houses

### High-speed train

Paris, Feb 26.—A new world railspeed record of 380 km (236 miles) per hour was claimed for the French highspeed electric train during a

### Concern over collapse of five hotels in tremor zone

From Mario Modiano Athen, Feb 26 Life in Athens went back to

who had fled to the countryside after Tuesday's severe earthquakes, returned to their homes and work, evidently reassured by the relative calm in the past 24 hours.

The Athens Observatory announced that between 6 pm yesterday and 7 am today it had recorded only 130 post-earthquake tremors, compared with 652 in the preceding 18 hours. They measured between 3 and 4.7 on the Richter scale, but were too faint for the

Athenians to notice.

The death toll has risen to of the earthquakes was. Most large of the victims died either of 1934 feart attacks or in accidents declar

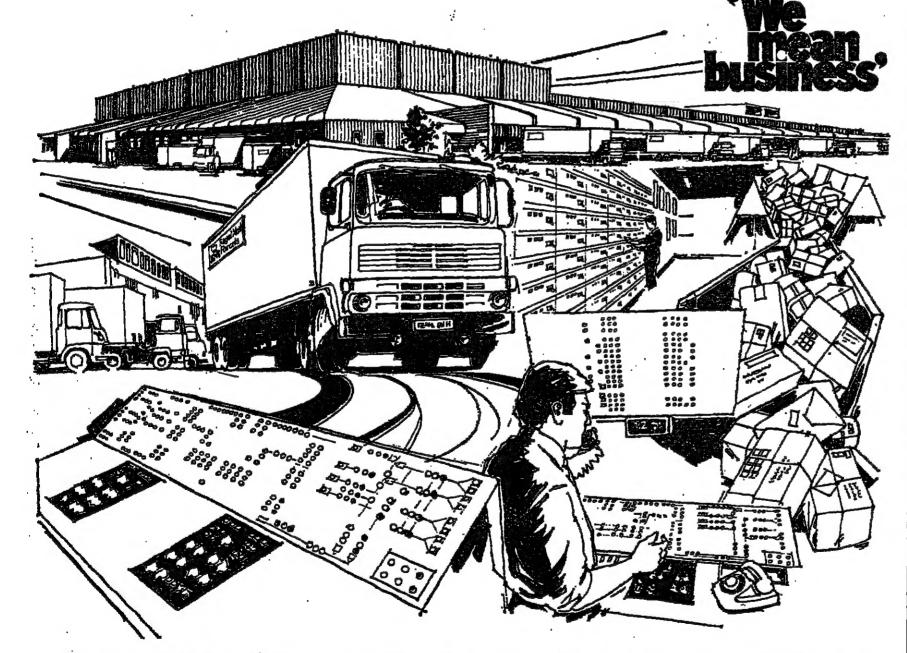
while trying to flee th

Rescue workers were normal today—traffic jams and searching the debris of all—as thousands of inhabitants vacant eight-floor hotel Vrachati, west of Corin which collapsed burying it found the watchman, his wand one son. The total injuly and one son. The total people etaken to hospital

not exceed 90. About 3,000 sustained some damage, mai in the vicinity of the gulf: either collapsed or were m uninhabitable. More than 1. tents were sent to the stric

Some concern has been pressed over the collapse of many as five hotel, fortuna, all emory. There were 502 tions that an inquiry should

In a Piraeus suburb I large blocks of flats built 1934 for refugee families, v. declared unfit for habita



# Royal Mail Parcels-Investing in the Future

The new Royal Mail Yorkshire Parcel Centre is now at work, serving the whole of Yorkshire and North Humberside. It can handle 240,000 parcels a day-twice the capacity of the previous one.

It is technology intensive; sorting systems are all mechanical; controls are electronic; there is autonomous 24-channel radio-paging; and much more - powerful testimony to the fast, efficient service now on offer. The Royal Mail is investing in the future.

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### Soviet jammers face increase in radio broadcasts by BBC

By Ian Bradley
The BBC is to launch a new
language service for Afghanigan as well as increase its
broadcasts to the Soviet Union in an effort to counter jamming.
Announcing the developments in overseas broadcasting, Mr pouglas Muggeridge, managing director of the BC's External Services, also revealed yester-day that Radio France Interna-tional (RFI) has been asked by the French Government to submit plans for a round the clock world service in French modelled on the BBC World Service.

Service.

The new BBC lanuage service will be in Pashto which is spoken by about 18m people in Afghanistan and also on the North-West frontier of Pakistan, The RRC already breadings. The BBC already broadcasts in Farsi, the other language widely understood in Afghanistan. The new service will start in the

From the end of March the corporation will transmit in Russian for an extra 30 minutes a day. That will allow a restructuring of the output to the Soviet Union to provide a continuous five-hour block of programmes every night from seven until midnight, Moscow time. "We will be doing this on an experimental basis. We hope it will help the listeners and con-fuse the jammers", Mr Mug-geridge said.

He also said that before the Soviet Union re-imposed jam-ming of the BBC's Russian estimated 12 to 13 million listeners. Although there was little prospect of an early and to the jamming there was evi-

is not jammed by the Russians.

Its Turkish service is also to be increased from an hour to 90 minutes a day in order to meet the greatly increased demand for information since the military take-over in Turkey.

Mr Muggeridge said that the increases in services, which had

increases in services, which had been decided after consultation with the Foreign Office, did not presage a new, expansionist phase for BBC External Services.

"In the past year we have sustained a cut of £3.1m which has come out of capital and we continue to live under the constant threat of cuts ", he said. "It would obviously be unrealistic to ask for more money but we do ask that our existing services be maintained.

He said it as ironic that the BBC, widely acknowledged as the leading overseas broadcasting organization in the word, should be struggling to maintain its present service when other countries, in both West Europe and the Eastern block, were greatly evanding their He said it as ironic that the

were greatly expanding their external broadcasting.
For example French Council of Ministers decided on Monday to authorize the building of a relay station in French Guiana to cover Central and Latin America and the United States.

States.

As for the expansion of overseas broadcasting by the Eastern block, Mr Muggeridge said the Soviet Union now had 140 transmitters in operation compared with the BBC's 80. Some BBC transmitters are now more than 40 years old and have considerably less power than those used by other dence that the Russian service and have considerably less could still be heard outside power than those used by other major conurbations. The BBC's countries.

# Israel says Egyptians slow in cooperating

From Christopher Walker Jerusalem, Feb 26

The first anniversary of the historic exchange of ambassa-dors between Israel and Egypt was celebrated on a sour note today with an official statement from the Israeli Foreign Ministry outlining numerous alleged "shortcomings" in the pro-mised normalization.

"After a year of experience with the normalization process, it may be said that slow pro-gress has been made in Israell-Egyptian relations", the ministry complained.

"This progress could have been more substantial if Egypt been more substantial in Egypt had been more forthcoming. What has been achieved is nainly the result of initiative and untiling efforts on the part of Israel, the Egyptian attitude last November. fluctuating between passivity

The strongly worded docu-ment accused Egypt of being in contravention of the Camp David accord by attempting to ink normalization with progress m the Palestinian autonomy alks, and by using delaying actics in advance of Israel's

final publ-back from Sinai due in April, 1982

Blaming the Egyptian authorities for discouraging travel to Israel by making passports and permits difficult to obtain, the statement noted that since a memorandum on tourism was agreed last March, less than has been further accelerater, 1500 Egyptian nationals had but no reference is made to this could not be expected to open their arms to Israelis while settlements were being expanded in the occupied territories and after the law declaring east Jerusalem as an integral part of Israel's capital. 1,500 Egyptian nationals had visited Israel compared with in the three-page document over 25,000 Israeli visitors to issued today in Jerusalem.

at the sub-presidential level deliberately slow down progress and rate of

normalization".

In the crucial field of economic cooperation, the Israelis point out bitterly that the public sector of the Egyptian economy — which accounts for about 85 per cent of the whole—is still not permitted to trade with Israel.

Figures released last month by the Israeli Ministry of Commerce show that since the

Commerce show that since the signing of the peace treaty in March 1979, Israeli exports to Egypt were estimated at only f4.5m. Precise details of trading are difficult to obtain, but the largest single deal is believed to have involved a consignment of hatching eggs and chicks flown from Tel Aviv to Cairo Theorem 200 President Reagan has decided to draw the line in El Salvador. Washington The communist powers be permitted to expand their influence in the Western world. It is all rather puzzling for foreigners and for Americans, too, for whom El Salvador has never been a matter of great concern. are difficult to obtain, but the largest single deal is believed to have involved a consignment of hatching eggs and chicks flown from Tel Aviv to Cairo

The clearest explanation of Egypt's reluctance to partici-pate wholeheartedly in normalpate wholenearteeny in normalizing relations was given last November, when Vice-President Hosni Mubarak placed the blame directly on Mr Mendachem Begin, the Israeli Prima Minister. He said that Egyptians could not be expected to open their sams to Israelis

over 25,000 Israeli visitors to issued today in Jerusalem.
On the positive side, the Three Foreign Ministry critiseration in ratifying agreements on trade, cultural exchanges and civil aviation. It also cited "an Egyptian tendency, particularly in the three-page document issued today in Jerusalem.
On the positive side, the israelis refer to a number of tized Egyptian tendency and the tradition to the establishment of full diplomatic ties and the regular functioning of both embassies.

### Islamic revival movement suspected of terrorism

From Moshe Brilliant Tel Aviv, Feb 26

Israelis were alarmed by the exposure of an alleged Israeli Arab terrorist ring organized as an Islamic revivalist movement. Scores of Arab citizens of Israel were arrested in villages along the pre-1967 armistice lines over the past few weeks, and arms caches were seized, but the security authorities maintained a news black out until last night.

Some of the lesser members charged only with belonging to an illegal organization have already been sent to prison for one year by a military court, siring in camera. The trial of one year by a miniary count, sixting in camera. The trial of the main suspects is to begin next week, also before military judges and behind closed doors. They are accused of terrorist activities, illegal possession of weapons, and incitement.

Israeli sources said that the ring was politically motivated but that the leaders adopted the cloak of Islamic revival to benefit from the popularity it fained since Ayatollah Khom-eini ousted the Shah in Iran. Young Israeli Muslims are

attending mosque services in increasing numbers, growing beards, and observing other religious practices.
Professor Moshe Sharon, of

the Hebrew University, formerly the Prime Minister's adviser on Arab affairs, said in an interview: "The Islamic commitment means they are not seeking rights or the good will of the Israeli rulers, but to end the abnormal condition of Muslims being ruled by non-Muslims. It means stagihad (holy war)". Mr Amnon Linn, specialist on

Arab affairs in the parliament-ary foreign affairs committee, said extreme nationalists had been a fringe element in Arabbeen a fringe element in ArabIsraeli society until the 1973
war. But, growing Arab international power and the world
recognition of the Palestine
Liberation Organization convinced a growing number that
the Israelis were on the decline
and the Arabs on the rise.

He added that the PLO had
ordered the establishment of
cadres for the next round. The ordered the establishment of cadres for the next round. The countdown would begin after Israel completed the evacuation of Sinai next year.

Com. Salvadorean dictator,

### American plane crashes in sea

Manila, Feb 26.-An Ameri-Manila, Feb 26.—An American transport aircraft crashed into the South China Sea shortly after take off from the Subic Bay base in the Philippines today, killing 23 of the 24 passengers on board, a United States Navy spokesman said.

The C130 military transport was carying American, Philippines, Australian and New Zealand personnel

# Shoulder to shoulder: President Castro of Cuba is flanked in Moscow yesterday by his Soviet comrade: President

### Mr Brezhnev pledges his support for Cuba From Michael Binyon

Moscow, Feb 26

President Brezhnev today met President Fidel Castro of Cuba, who is attending the twentywho is attending the twenty- as there were no Cuban ships sixth Congress of the Soviet in the area. Communist Party, and assured the United States.

During his speech on Tuesday, buring ins speech on Tuesday, Dr Castro condemned American support for the ruling junta in El Salvador and said his country would, not back down in the face of aggression. Threats by "imperialist Yankees" to inter-vene in El Salvador, he said, demonstrated Washington's in-tention to impose its own poli-tical regime throughout the

Western hemisphere.

According to the Tass summary of his speech, he accused imperialists of malicious lies against communist countries, trying to prove that events in Central America were not the result of the "rightful indignation" of the oppressed but the result of international

block Cuban arms exports to that country would be senseless

move by the United States to block Cuban arms exports to that country would be senseless as there were no Cuban ships in the area.

An East German magazine, a fundamental statement of aims and intentions drawn up 20 years ago under Khrushchev.

This document has become an embarrassment, since it laid down specific dates by which expect aid from the Soviet block in whatever form and quantity they want. The weekly magazine, Weltbülme, weekly magazine, Weltbülme, that by 1981 the Russians would had aid that if it were not for the him of continued Soviet support published in East Berlin today, in the face of "another anti-said liberation movements such Cuban campaign" launched by as the one in El Salvador could expect aid from the Soviet block "in whatever form and mention they want". The quantity they want". The weekly magazine, Weltbühne, said that, if it were not for the Soviet Union and other socialist

states, most liberation struggles would be doomed to failure. The 5,000 delegates to the party coogress today unanim-ously approved the report delivered on Monday by Presi-dent Brezhnev and formally instructed all party organiza-tions to be guided by its pro-

Their vote ends what has been officially termed the "discussion" of the report, drawn up by the policy-making Central Committee, which sets the but the result of international guidelines and priorities for conspiracies.

A Soviet spokesman said he had also denied that Cuba was

Salvador, and declared that any more detailed analysis of the move by the United States to economic outlook.

have easily outstripped the Americans in production of consumer goods.

The resolution ordered the Central Committee to make "the necessary amendments and additions" to the present programme so that it "cor-rectly" mirrored the laws of

world social development.
The congress also explained that "new phenomena" had appeared on the world scene, which can be taken to mean that the Soviet Communist Party will now bend its ideology to give greater fraternal recog-nition to national liberation movements that do not fall into the strictly orthodox communist

sending arms to guerrillas in El Prime Minister, will deliver a three days have been far removed from any Western con-cept of a debate. After Mr. Brezhnev's lengthy document, members of the Politburo and then party secretaries from the 15 constituent republics of the Union Soviet speeches. Without

Withour exception, each praised the report as far-sighted and all - embracing, spoke of the achievements of the Communist Party, and paid glowing personal tribute to the 74-year-old Soviet leader. Local party secretaries dwelt on economic developments in their areas, but few raised any of the problems and shortcomings dwelt on with such frankness by Mr Brezhnev.

They were followed by the leaders of the East European delegations, then by others from among the 123 delegations

There have been no criticisms of Soviet policy, though Pol-and's difficulties have been a strong theme in most foreign delegates speeches, as well as defence of the Soviet Union against American charges of backing international terrorism. Moscow Diary, page 14 Letters, page 15

# Mr Reagan draws a thin red line

such circumstances that army can probably do the job. There

America.
The Americans will draw

possible then for the President and for Mr Alexander Haig, his

Secretary of State, to claim a real victory, to have succeeded

Kennedy tried to reverse the verdict of history and overthrow the communist government in Cuba. That was the first communist state that had not been established by force

The Americans will send the first communication of President and Country of the sake of the Salvadorean revolution. of Russian arms or in a country
contiguous with existing communist states—and the first in
fight the insurgents. And in the Americas.

Mr Kennedy failed and there have been many other communist states set up since then
in various parts of the world.
The thing about El Salvador
is that if the United States is
Nicaragua to El Salvador
Nicaragua to El Salvador really determined to stop com-munism there, it will succeed. There is no powerful and ruth-less neighbour, like North Vietnam, to serve as a base of operations for the rebels.

El Salvador is not immense and populous, like China. It is the very opposite, with a popu-lation of about six million in a country the size of Wales,

Neither is its government burdened with a dictator whose personal fortunes are indissolubly bound up with the regime's. The Sandinistas won in Nicaragua because they were the only possible alternative to the Somozas. Castro might bave been defeated if Batista had been removed in time. If the Shah had abdicated four years had abdicated four years another matter, a moderate government. What Mr Reagan wants to do ago, a moderate government might now rule in Tehran while the ayatollah told his beads in

The Salvadorean dictator, General Humberto Romero, was overthrown 16 months ago. El Salvador is on the west coast of the isthmus, with right-wing neighbours to the north and east. The insurgents can be supplied only by arms smuggled overland through Honduras, by air or by sea. air or by sea.

Their only base is Nicaragua;

a decisive President, quite unlike Jimmy Carter, who knows exactly what he wants

said that his dearest wish was that there should be "no more Vietnams". He meant that the United States should not abandon any more of its friends. There are certainly some of his supporters who consider military dictatorships in South America to be their friends. Senator John Tower, for instance, delights in the junta

that overthrew democracy in

Bolivia last year.

For Mr Reagan and Mr Halg, however, the triendship is felt for the people and the country. They are convinced (and who is to blame them?) that the lot of the Vietnamese or the Cam-bodians is far worse now than it would have been if com-munism had been defeated, and that it is their duty to prevent a further tragedy falling upon the people of El Salvador. After some hesitation, the Administration has decided to

training mission and even of setting up naval patrols to stop arms being smuggled from Nicaragua to El Salvador through the Guif of Fonseca. That was where an earlier gun runner, Captain Horatio Hornblower, RN, delivered to the rebels a cargo of arms from Administration has decided to back the Salvadorean junta which has a civilian aspect even though real power rests with the army. The alternative was to abandon the junta and its plans for land reform and to back the former oliganchy. an imperial power bent on stirring up crouble in Central to back the former oligarchy. which continues to plot against the junta from Miami. their line; communism will be stopped, at least for the moment. It might even be So if he wins his victory, what will Mr Reagan do with

it?
The Soviet Union is not going to make great efforts to establish communism in El Salvador. In 1974 they aban-doned President Allende to his

when Truman (in China), Kennedy (in Cuba) and John-son (in Vietnam) all failed. The fact that it will be a very Kennedy (in Cuba) and Johnson (in Vietnam) all failed.

The fact that it will be a very small and easy victory is another matter.

What Mr Reagan wants to do is to establish an image of mastery. He wants the world (and the nation) to see in him a decisive President, quite sudden and dangerous convolute in the property of the propert

frontation if he tries to repeat his success. and how to get it.

El Salvador is a sham issue
In economic affairs, he has but, to take the most extreme

submitted what appears to be case, Poland is real. Mr Haig a revolutionary new approach to at least knows better than to the budget; in foreign affairs draw the wrong conclusion he wants to face down the from an early and minor succommunists.

In his election campaign he do not.

### **Opposition** MPs in Iran defiant From Tony Allaway

Tehran, Feb 26
Four Iranian opposition
parliamentarians told a mass
rally in Tehran today that they
would not bow to pressure and stop criticizing the dictatorial tendencies they saw in Iran,
"It is the reasoning of dic tatorial regimes to stop people from criticism under various pretexts . . . pretexts also used by the Shah's regime", de-clared Mr Mehdi Bazargan, who was overthrown as Prime Minister by religious funda-mentalists in 1979. This revolution belongs to

us . . we have always been against monopolism", he said, in an obvious reference to the dominant, clergy-led Islamic Republican Party. "We see monopolism as the enemy of freedom, Islam and indepen

Mr Bazargan and the other three deputies, Mr Ibrahim Yazdi, Mr Hashem Sabbaghian and Mr Yadollan Sahabi, are all members of the Iran Liberation Movement which formed the core of the first post-revolutionary government. The meeting, the first "opposition' rally of its kind for some time reflected their recent moves to reenter active politics after being put in disgrace by the seizure of the American embassy.

The rally itself must have disappointed them, however. Only about 20,000 people were in the sports stadium where it was held, a small number by revolutionary standards. Among them were mall around of them were small groups of people clearly supporting the Islamic fundamentalist line. They held aloft pictures of Ayatollah Beheshti, the Islamic Republican Party leader. There were many scuffles

during the meeting but police, some wearing riot helmers, quickly ejected troublemakers with surprising efficiency.

# No end seen to El Salvador terror

Continued from page 1 The present 19 American in-

structors (the word advisers has been out of favour since Vietnam) with the El Salvador Army will be increased to about 50. The fleet of six large American helicopters used to transport troops to trouble areas will be quadrupled.

The Americans will help with the creation of a 2,000-man rapid response battalion to be deployed as soon as incidents occur. Deliveries of American arms, already arriving almost daily here, will be sustained and possibly stepped up. The irony is that President

José Napoleon Duarte, one of the few remaining moderates in a junta that has moved sharply to the right in recent months, is lukewarm about this extra military help. "It is of no use to have the

greatest and best army in the world if the people are dying from hunger, he told The New munist arms for use in a new York Times last week. He wants economic aid to help ensure the success of his Government's

offensive in the spring. This week the authorities produced evidence for their charge that foreign troops have been im-The charges about communist ported; a Nicaraguan prisoner

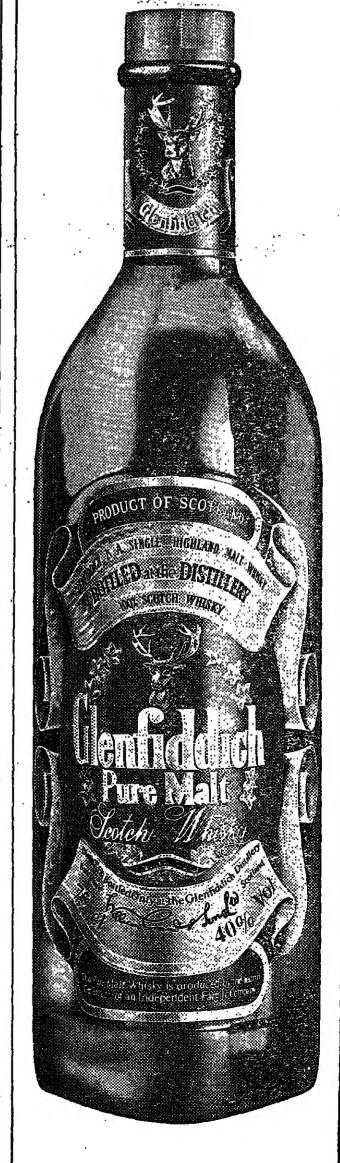
who said he had been posted who said he had been posted to El Salvador by the Sandinistas, the ruling Jeft-wing group in Nicaragua.

It is thought that there are 5,000 "Hardcore" guerrillas plus some 10,000 supporters. Against them, the security forces number nearly 16,000; not a large enough differential to wipe out a determined insurgent movement, according to

the capability of shrugging off conditions most people would find intolerable. Traffic circulates busily in the tree-lined streets of the capital, snaking

A curfew, rigidly enforced, begins at 9 every night. The people go to their homes, listen for shors and, at daybreak, look to see if the morning has brought any more roadside

Purchasing abottle of Glenfiddich now, could save an economy



### Police kill five in Gujarat caste riots

Delhi, Feb 26.—Police opened fire on rioting crowds killing five people, and arrested nearly 3,000 doctors, students and medical workers today in the western Indian state of Gujarat, the Press Trust of India rethe Press Trust of India re-

killed in Gujarat since students began protests last month against reservation of places for lower castes in medical colleges.

largest city, some well-known local surgeons were among the shot dead two people when a short dead two people when a chem.—Reuter, AP.

responsibility to advance the At least 25 people have been educational interest of back-

for the past three weeks.

fired on a large crowd in Surat

district after it attacked a hostel fortribal and police guards. The angry rioters also took two rifles from law enforecement officers. In Sabarkantha district, a boy

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arms are an important element in the Americans' argument that they must give more military support. It is impos-sible to confirm their veracity, although when the authorities although when the authorities here show captured guerrilla weapons they are mostly anti-quated and sometimes home-

to wipe out a determined insurgent movement, according to convential military theory. The Americans probably do have the capability to prevent a guerrilla victory but it is hard to envisage them wiping out the leftists altogether.

Meanwhile, life continues with surprising normality in this attractive country, whose violent history has left it with the capability of shrugging off

through the volcanic hills.

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From Peter Hazelhurst Tokyo, Feb 26

The Pope completed a fourday visit to Japan and flew back to Rome tonight after celebrating an open-air Mass in driving snow in Nagasaki, a stronghold of the Roman Catholic Church where scores of Christian martyrs were tortured and executed during the sixteenth and seventeenth century.

Paying homage to the faith of thousands of Japanese Christians who went underground for nearly three centuries until a ban on the Church was lifted in 1873, the Pope told a crowd of more than 48,000 faithful at the Nagasaki sports stadium that be had come to Japan's bastion of Christianity as a pilgrim.

Celebrating Mass in Japanese, he declared: "I came here to convey the love of Christ to those who kept their faith and hid themselves as Christians for

More than 48,000 Christians, More than 48,000 Christians, described as the largest gathering of Catholics in the history of the Church in Japan, thronged into the stadium, some of them arriving at 5 am four hours before the ponifical Mass was celebrated in gusting wind and driving snow. More than 600 people who fainted in the cold, were taken to medical centres and hospitals during the three-hour ceremony. three-hour ceremony

Admitting that the Catholic Church had remained relatively weak in Japan, the Pope said that the faith of Japanese Christians was "the sign of a new Jerusalem".

new Jerusalem".

The Pope arrived in Tokyo on Monday on the second leg of his tour of Asia to become the first Pontiff to visit Japan.

During four days of hectic activities, he met Emperor Hirohito, prayed for peace at the spot where an atomic bomb destroyed Hiroshima in 1945 and, according to Christian leaders, enhanced the influence of the country's religious minorof the country's religious minority community of 400,000 Catholics.

The Japanese press tonight hailed his visit as a triumph

police today detained Begum Nusrat Bhutto, widow of the former Prime Minister, and six

other leading opposition poli-

ticians, opposition sources said.
They were meeting in the home of Mr Mehmud Ali Kasuri, a lawyer, in central Lahore. About 400 supporters

of the newly-formed Movement for the Restoration of Democ-racy fought outside the house with as many police while the meeting took place.

The sources said about 150

demonstrators were taken away but there was no comment here from the Punjab province mili-tary government on the arrests.

During the past two days the military have rounded up more than 100 opposition politicians

and party workers.

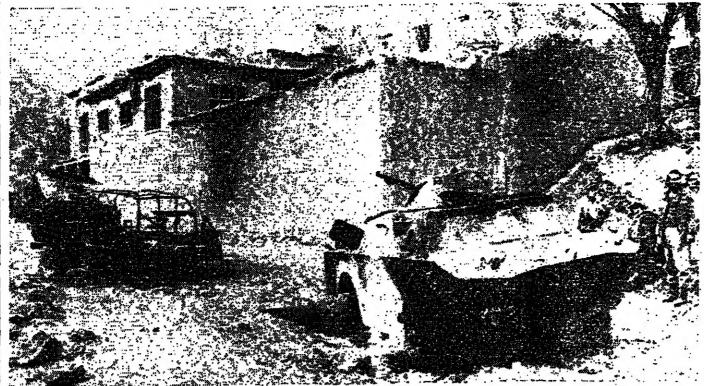
Mrs Bhutto had left her home

Mrs Shutto had left her home in Karachi claudestinely on Tuesday night to attend the Lahore meeting of the nine-party movement to work out a campaign to end martial law and hold parliamentary elections within three months.

Resumption of

executions

in Malaysia



Ambushed Soviet armoured cars and lorries litter a street in the Parwan Valley, north of Kabul.

freed pending an appeal to the Supreme Military Court in Brasilia, which is unlikely to be

heard for several mouths.

As well as appealing against the sentences, the defence law-

yers have called for an annul-

ment of the trial on various grounds, including the exclu-

foreign journalists, trade unionists and others who had travelled to Sao Psulo for the trial.
If the seutences are upheld,
the trade unionists will be prohibited from any political
activity for five years after

serving their sentences, under the terms of the national secu-

rity laws.

Recent opinion polis have shown that if Senhor da Silva

war. But he said he hoped to war, but he sale he hoped to amounce the formation of a new mixed military-civilian government within 24 hours of his return.

The establishment of a nom-

The establishment of a nominated Federal Advisory Council, performing parliamentary duties, would follow, The opposition politicians agreed today on their anti-Government campaign which includes a total boycott and revenge against anyone taking the general's govern-

part in the general's govern-

ment and nominated councils.

Speaking as Islamabad airport before his departure, General Zia said that as far as he knew only 12 people had been detained in the police raids against the politicians. But he also said that the figure could

### Brazilian trade unionists given prison terms

From Patrick Knight
Sao Paulo, Feb 26
The president of the recently formed Workers' Party, and former leader of the Sao Bernardo Metal Workers' Union, Senbor Luis Inacio da Silva, "Lula" has been sentenced to three years and six months imprisonment in his absence by a prisonment in his absence by a military tribunal in Sao Paulo yesterday for incitement to dis-

obey the law. Eleven other trade unionists were also sentenced on charges arising out of the six-week strike in the motor industry last year, some for the same period as Senbor da Silva others for shorter terms. Two were ac-

quitted. In protest at the trial being held before defence lawyers had time to prepare their case, the defendants and their lawyers did not attend the trial, held in a small military court-room. The case was heard and sentences pronounced in their held in a small military courtroom. The case was heard and
sentences pronounced in their
absence.

The military judges took six

Solvent that is defined any structure of the same to stand on behalf the
Workers' Party for the Sao
Paulo governorship in 1982, he
would have a good chance of
being elected.

an end to martial law.

The movement's action com-

Mrs Bhutto arrested after meeting

**Communists to surrender** soon, Thai officers say From Neil Kelly Bangkok, Feb 26 Many of the leaders of the communist insurgency in Thaihours to reach their decision. The sentenced men gave them-selves up to the police late last night, but were expected to be

soon, according to Thai intelli-gence officers.

They said at least 50 had secretly come to Bangkok and were now preparing to give themselves up. Mr Thirayouth Boonmee, aged 32, who largely organized the overthrow of the military dictatorship in October, 1973, surrendered on Tuesday.

ber, 1973, surrendered on Tuesday. He joined the Communist Party of Thailand in 1976 after fleeing from a military coup which deposed the democratic government. His wife, a former air hostess, surrendered with

him.

They said they had spent the past four and a half years in northern Thailand and northern Laos with hundreds of student leaders, activists and left-wing politicians. However, after Vietnam invaded Kampuchea in 1979 their relations with the Laotian Government became so strained that they became so strained that they were ordered out. Mr Thirayouth has not pub-

are not expected to face criminal charges since the Thai Government announced in 1978 a general amnesty for defectors Mr Thirayuth has not pub-

licly disclosed his reasons for defecting but he told intellig-ence officers that he had be-come convinced that the party's land are expected to surrender revolutionary strategy was soon, according to Thai intelli- wrong and that its basic principles were undemocratic. Other defectors recently made similar complaints.

There are also ideological conflicts within the party, now split between those in favour of the old links with China which has always provided most of the insurgents' material and moral support, and an opposing group which prefers exclusive ies with Hanol and Moscow. The Thai authorities believe that the local communists have weakened considerably since Vietnam's occupation of Kampu-chea, and its incursion last year into Thailand and also since the establishment of friendly relations between the Thai and

Chinese Governments.

They view the surrender of

They view the surrender of student activists as marking the end of an era of extreme radicalism among Thai students.

Lieutenan - General Harn Lieutenant - General Harn Chief-of-Staff, in a recent optimistic survey of the insurgency, said its leadership was divided and was finding it increasingly difficult to fight a government which was promoting democracy.

### Peking parliamentary body meets to approve policy

From David Bonavia Peking, Feb 26

This week's meeting of the standing committee of the National People's Congress, China's highest parliamentary organ, is expected to result in some ministerial appointments and to approve the present

also said that the rights count be higher, describing the roundup as "preventive deten-tions" and not arrests. The session, which opened formally yesterday, is today hearing a report by Mr Yao Yilan, the Minister of State Planning, on reforms and economy measures aimed at economy measures aimed at balancing the budget, which is in deficit for the first time.

power, the National People's Congress and its standing committee have a certain moral authority, and some of the members' views or criticisms may carry weight with the Communist Party leadership.

The Posts of Defence Minister and Minister of Petroleum Industry are unoccupied; the latter is thought likely to be latter is thought likely to be filled by the standing commit-

The previous minister was dismissed last year after the party leadership blamed the ministry for greatly inflating estimates of China's accessible

# mittee met in the early hours today and held a second conference later. President Zia ul-Haq left after being found guilty of conference trying to end the Gulf opponent.—Reuter.

Questions are raised about the future of Pakistan's leader

# President Zia rules on a political volcano

From Our Correspondent Kuala Lumpur, Feb 26

Malaysia today resumed executions after an interval of 10 months when three men went to the gallows for offences under the Internal Security Act. Executions were resumed last year after a period of several years, but were halted after 11 men were executed. The latest brings the total to 14, with another 60 men still in the death

Prison officials said the three Malaysian-Chinese men execu-ted today had their appeals for clemency rejected by the pardons board this week.

All but one of those executed so far were convicted under the

Internal Security Act.

### Briton wins four Grammy awards

New York, Feb 26.-Christopher Cross, a former driver and valet for the British rock group Fleetwood Mac, has won four Grammy " awards.

Mr Cross, aged 29, took the awards for song of the year, best single record, best album and newcomer of the year at last night's presentation cere mony here.—Reuter.

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From Trevor Fishlock
Islamebad, Feb 26

President Zia ul-Haq of Pakistan is sitting on a political volcano and after recent demonstrations, the signing of a "Zia chaos".

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strations, the signing of a "Zia must go" declaration by political groups and the arrest of politicians, questions are being asked about his future as ruler. It is not surprising that there should be restlessness. General Zia has been in power for three-and-a-half years and is as unpopular as ever. Many people resent living under military dictatorship; democracy, in spite of its bad record in Pakistan,

still has appeal.
In Labore, Islamabad and Peshawar people said that mili-tary rule was not only irksome but embarrassing: "Even Indians, with all their problems, somehow make democracy

Nine groups who defied the ban, on political activity and formed a "movement to restore democracy" earlier this month, signed a declaration saying that "Pakistan and martial law cannot coexist".

They referred to the regional strains in the federation and

called for elections in three months, demanding that "Zia ul-Haq quit and martial law

will of the people".

The President responded by having three of the signatories

Since then there have been more arrests, and students in several parts of the country have been demonstrating amid varying levels of violence. Some colleges have been closed. In spite of the tone of the politicians' declaration, and unrest among students, it is hard to detect the kind of deep and widespread fury that presages uncontrollable rioting and the

collapse of government.

Some of the student protests have been anti-Government in an effort to resist attempts by the regime to control university staff appointments. But some of the trouble had more mun-

dane roots.

The declaration of the political groups was a bold act, but it is easy to overplay its significance. Politics is a discredited business in the eyes of many people in Pakistan and it is difficult, among a congregation of has beens, to find the people of quality and personality the to return to elected rule.

There are few people capable be lifted, failing which they will of creating national leadership be removed by the irresistible and in any case General Ziz will of the people". let alone flourish.

Party to election victory, such is the importance of the Bhutto name, but her most important quality is that of being her bushand's widow, and she could not hope to lead in the true sense or to appare.

sense, or to govern.

Her daughter, Benazir, is articulate and courageous but not experienced enough to take command.

The declaration is not evidence of civilians coming together in opposition to the general. Nor does it show that

large sections of the people are in open revolt. Similarly, the student troubles are not pointers to the President's inevitable fall. Even if

these events are straws it is difficult to gauge the strength of the wind. of the wind.

A number of things work to
General Zia's advantage. He is
a devout Muslim who has led a
blameless personal life and his

efforts to make Pakistan more truly Islamic have won some approval.
The Russian invasion of Afghanistan has helped him to build more stability at home. Recent harvests have been good, the economy has improved and remittances from be, still tantalizes and appeals. Pakistanis living abroad have As a lawyer put it: "We are increased. He has sidestepped all against Zia but what are we Begum Nusrat Bhutto, who trouble by shuffling people for?".

around and, in short, has shown himself to be a survivor. His critics say he is in a job which takes him to the limit of his intellectual powers and that he lacks imagination. He has reneged on promises to bring back representative govern-ment and has failed to meet the aspirations of a people from whom he is increasingly estranged.
His Islamicization programme.

his Islamicization programme, his critics contend, is employed as a distraction. Some people feel their intelligence is insulted by the general's censoring of the press and the resulting atrophy of journalism.

While there is a small of While there is a swell of resentment against military rule and the general there are also plenty of people here who say that Pakistan needs firm rule which cannot be provided

by politicians.

The general believes he must mip trouble as it buds. His difficulty is that if he is too harsh the reaction could lead to wide. spread revolt. The political vol-

Although there is a pessimis-tic feeling that "we would only get another general" the idea of the democratic alternative, illusory though many feel it to

# Crucial phase in campaign to clean up the Mediterranean by 10my Samstag year programme will be closer Three proposed legal agree-tected creas, and for choosing one of the most successful international anti-pollution campaigns to date the Marketine As the participation. As the participation.

ment Programme (Unep), will enter a crucial phase on Mouday, Representatives of 18 countries are to meet in Cannes to consider a programme for the next three years.

The Mediterranean coastal states earlier this year declared themselves willing to spend \$8m (£5.3m) on a variety of activities. These range from the maintenance of pollution monitoring-and-research centres to fish-farming and alternative energy projects. Unep, however, estimates the costs of the three-

paigns to date, the Mediter-ranean action plan organized by the United Nations Environ-policy in any case is progresshave not deleted any projects cussion in Cannes: a protocol from the scheme, and Unep's on specially protected areas and policy in any case is progres-endangered species, which is to sively to scale down its finan-be signed later this year: cial participation in long-term projects, the six-day Cannes and exploitation, due for adopmeeting could at last resolve a tion in 1982; and the creation long-standing contradiction be-tween good intentions and ments for environmental mean (or, in several cases, non-

deputy director of Unep, had to threaten to curtail the action plan severely before the coun-

another on offshore exploration damage.

existent) budgets. Study centres already in
At a meeting in Barcelona existence in Malta (oil pollulast year, Mr Peter Thacher, tion), Antibes (planning) and deputy director of Unep, had Split, Yugoslavia (fish-farming and energy), must be funded. Proposals are also on the tries involved paid £3m that agenda for creating a fourth they had already pledged. centre to monitor specially pro-

action plan. Athens, Barcelona and Monaco have been mooted. Another \$11.4m (£7.6m) has been contributed to the plan by a number of other United Nations agencies, chiefly the United Nations Development Programme, for fish-farming, water resources and solar and

wind energy projects through-out the Mediterranean basin. Because the main outlet for the Mediterranean is the narrow Straits of Gibraltar, pollution tends to be of longer duration than in more open waters. It is estimated that the sea is renewed only every 80 years.

With 100m people living in the countries that border the Mediterranean, into which is discharged 90 per cent of the sewage from 120 coastal cities and thousands of tons of chemical pollutants and effluents from rivers, any remedial programme is probably to be measured in decades.

Since the Mediterranear Action Plan was agreed in 1975 a number of similar schemes have been created under the regional seas programme of Unep. Probably the most advanced of these is the Caribbean action plan, most of whose 26 participating countries met in Managua last week to draw up almost 70 specific projects.

SPORT\_\_\_\_

Cricket

# English problems are underlined once again by West Indians

The West Indians best England the west fluidous best England with some ease, by six wickets, in the second of the one-day internationals at Berbice today. Having bowled England out for 137 in 47.2 overs they scored 138 for the loss of four wickets, in 39.3 overs.

However, the West Indians were in early trouble in their reply: In the third over Gordon Green-idge, deceived by Butcher's speed at square leg, was run out for two and two overs later Viv Richards hooked Dilley high to long leg, where Stevenson took

Haynes and Mattis due in to turn the match slowly in the West Indians' favour, with Mattis using his feet to punish Emburey.

Mattis was out in bizarre circumstances: bowled round his legs by Emburey, he seemed unwilling to go until the umpires consulted, with Bairstow and Rostam genticulating apprily. Somam gesticulating angrily. In the England Innings, Roland

Butcher, like Gatting striving for a test place, made only five before becoming one of three victims of Larry Gomes, the off-spinner, while Geoff Boycott and David Gower managed seven and three

Graham Gooch was the first to depart, caught behind by David Murray off Andy Roberts for 11, when the total was 16. Eleven runs later Boycott was bowled by Viv Richards and from then on England were structing. England were struggling.

They slumped to 62 for five before Iau Botham, the captain, and Peter Willey halted the slide remporarity. The pair added 46 remporarily. The pair added 4b before the last four wickets fell for 29 runs. Willey was bowled for 21 by Colin Croft, who went on to take three for nine from 6.2 overs, and Botham, trying to hook Roberts, was bowled for 27.

Botham had a warning when he tried to hook Roberts and lobbed the hal loff the splice just short of Garner at mid-on. But he



Gatting: top-scored when at last he got to crease.

attempted the same shot next bal, mistimed again and was bowled with agonising slowness off his

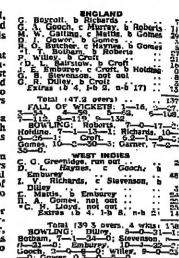
Emburey drove a catch straight to mid-off after three overs with-out scoring and England's last flame or resistance was provided by Bairstow and Stevenson, who both drove the quicker bowlers for houndaries. for boundaries.

Then Bairstow was bowled by a delivery from Croft which straightened, and Dilley was yorked.

England had used a combination of nulitary sircraft and helicopters to clip three hours off the normal lengthy, winding road journey of 65 miles from Georgetown to

Berbice.

They also outpaced the weather which has dogged their tracks during the Caribbean tour so far, and were able to start on time as scattered rain clouds gave way to blue skies and sunshine.



### Call for changes in England qualifications

Overseas players who want to play for England will be asked for a declaration of intent before a declaration of intent before starting their qualifying period if a recommendation by a registration working part vis accepted by the Test and County Cricket Board. The working party, led by Colin Atkinson, the Somerset chairman, want a fightening of the rule for foreign-born players who, like Allan Lamb, the Northampton-shire batsman, see their future in

like Allan Lamb, the Northamptonshire batsman, see their future in
England's Test team.

Lamb, who was born in South
Africa, will not be affected, however. He was cleared last week to
play for England in 1982, even
though he decided to opt for his
new country only last summer
after first appearing in county
cricket in 1978.

Mr Arkinson's committee also
want a cricketer to be a British
chizen before playing for England.
The four-year qualification rule
would only apply if his father or
mother had been born in the
United Kingdom and had retained
British citizenship. Otherwise, the
10-year rule should continue to be
applied.

applied.

The recommendations, which rejection of a compensation will be considered at the TCCB's scheme for counties whose players meeting on March 10, include a move to another club. The com-

would lead to "a full-blown transfer system" and that financial compensation would not deter cricketers from moving. An attempt will be made to play cricket as early as possible after weather interference. In general, weather interference. In general, standards now accepted as reasonable in John Player League matches, when play is often allowed in poor weather or ground conditions, should apply to all games. The TCCB want far larger areas to be covered against rain, including 10 yards of a bowler's run-up. A recent umpire's meeting has proposed the use of mating to cover wet areas.

The TCCB intend to take a detailed look at the structure of the tailed look at the structure of the cricket programme after next season. If changes are made, there could be a new look for the counties in 1983.

The Test selectors will be the same as for the past two years: Alec Bedser (chairman). Charlie Elliott, Ken Barrington and Brian Close. Mr Bedser, who will be 51 in July, has been on the panel for a record 20 years and has been chairman for 13 years. There were no other nominations from the counties.

Hockey

## blown after Draper's injury

By Sydney Friskin
RAF 1 Civil Service 3

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Civil Service recovered their
composure to beat the Royal Air
Force by a somewhat flattering
margin in their annual hockey
match at Vine Lane, Uxbridge,
yesterday. The score was 1—1 at
half time, the RAF having scored
first

match at vine tane, Change, yesterday. The score was I—I at half time, the RAF having scored first.

Although Civil Service had the better of the second half they were lucky to be on equal terms at the end of the first. The RAF, with Bates and Bales combining well in front made several promising raids but hesitation in front of the goal ruined their chances.

The RAF lost Draper early in the second half. He took the full force of a shot by Sibia from a short corner and left the field to be replaced by Leach. His departure upset the balance of the RAF defence and the more experienced Civil Service players, Mayo, Srobbie and Sibia rook every advantage of their insecurity.

The match which marked the start of a training period for the RAF began well enough for them when they rook the lead in the 25th minute, Clinton following up to score after Wilson had saved from Bates, If they had established a 3—0 lead by then it would not have flattered them.

Four minutes later Civil Service were back in the game. A long corner earned by Barrow led to a penalty stroke, Mayo's shot having been put off their strides when confronted by the goaling been put off their strides when confronted by the goal-keeper. After Draper had retired the

gaps in the RAF defence began to show and within 15 minutes of the second half Marson scored the second half Marson scored twice for Civil Service, making good use of the through pass, A foot infringement denied him his third goal.

ROYAL AIR FORCE: J/rech J. Marshall: J/rech M. Dykes, F/LE I. Drayer; 1910. Cpl G. Lesch). Soi A. Leaverland, F/LI P. Sunton, Soi G. Leaverland, F/LI P. Sunton, Soi G. Ducyden, F'LI M. Old, F/O. D. Robertson 1910. J/rech S. Chamal. Col I. Clinion, Soi R. Bakes, F/LI S. Beles (capiain).

Civil. SERVICE: M. Wilson; A. Clark, P. Giles, H. Sibia, P. Ring G. Basey, P. Ellis, A. Srobite, D. Marson. A. Mayo (captain). C. Umpires: G. Gardiner (Combined Services) and B. MacDonald (Southern Commiss).

Athletics

### GRE backing for competitions

Guardian Royal Exchange are putting £120,000 into supporting athletics this season. They will be backing the United Kingdom championships, the European Cupfinal for combined events at Birmingham in August, and the British League Cup competitions. Olympic athletes Linsey Macdonald, Mark Naylor and Angelea Littlewood yesterday became the first recipients of the GRE gold awards after setting national records in last year's United Kingdom championships.



affected.

Squash rackets

### Australian monopoly of **British title continues**

By Rex Bellamy

By Rex Bellamy
Squash Rackets Correspondent
For the fifth time in seven years
there will be an all-Australian
final in the British women's open
championship, sponsored by Pretty
Polly, at Hove. It follows that the
title will go to Australia for the
20th consecutive year. In Wednesday night's semi-final round Vicki
Hoffmann, from Adelaide and the
defending champion, beat Rae
Sanderson, from Melbourne, by
9-3, 9-1, 6-9, 9-4, and Margaret Zachariah, also from Melbourne, beat Lisa Ople, of
Guernsey, by 9-6, 10-8, 9-6.
Both matches lasted 54 minutes.
Miss Zachariah is old enough to

Miss Zachariah is old enough to be Miss Opie's mother, so her achievement in reaching the final for the first time is extraordinary. She heat the seventh, third and sixth seeds in consecutive matches sixth seeds in consecutive matches at the cost of only two games.

This performance by a part-time diagnostic radiographer is some compensation for patriotic disappointment in the defeat of Miss Opie, aged 17, whose talent and temperament could not make up for a deficiency in experience. The match was won and lost on the backhand, where Miss Zachariah's versatile skills in burying the bail to a length or playing short with an angle or a drop were often more telling because of her intimidating swing.

intimidating swing.

In the second game she cracked Miss Opie in the face and was warned that her swing was "occasionally excessive". The simple answer was for Miss Opie to concentrate on the forehand.

but this she could not do. Miss Zachariah was slightly better at hitting winners when she needed them, as is evident from the fact that Miss Opie led 6—5 in the first and third games and was in

Miss Zachariah kept the ball Miss Zachariah kept the ball low and was consistently severe and tidy, especially down the backhand wall. Tactically, her game was immaculate. Miss Ople was fluently versatile and often deceptive in her shot-making but she tended to hit down when she could least afford to. It was much to her credit that, after taking the blow in the face, she hit two angled winners and saved five game balls. Miss Ople also saved three match points before conceding a penalty stroke.

ing a penalty stroke. Miss Hoffmann, hitting hard and low to a superb length (most profitably to Miss Anderson's backhand), pinned her opponent to the back of the court for two games. But Miss Hoffmann had set a receive could not maintain games. But Miss Hoffmann had set a pace she could not maintain and, in the third game, Miss Anderson seized the chance to sort out her own length and display her technical and tactical craft.

Then Miss Hoffmann bounced back with a modified version of her earlier authority, mixing the long and short games irresistibly well. In the three games she won. Miss Hoffmann made a total of only five errors, maintaining fierce pressure without loss of control. Chris Lloyd, even Bjorn Borg, would have been proud of

### Latest European snow reports

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### Faldo four-leaf clover that proved to be anything but good luck

Golf Correspondent, Orlando, Florida, Feb 26. Orlando, Florida, Feb 26.

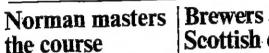
The early lead in the Bay Hill tournament, here in Arnold Palmer country, came from Rod Ryckolls. His 66 was so unexpected that improvisation was necessary in order to install his name at the head of the leader board. He was followed by Hubert Green on 67, a former United States Open champion and therefore a neon light figure, and three players on 68, Bobby Wadkins, Tom Purtzer and Michael Holland. Britain's principal hope. players on 68, Bobby Wadkins, Tom Purtzer and Michael Holland. Britain's principal hope, Nicholas Faldo, was sadly struck down by some kind of virus during the might and played admirably in adversity to get home in 72, one over the demanding par for the 7,089-yard course. Afterwards his temperature was recorded at over 100 and he came away from the doctor armed with an assortment of curatives. At one point during the round he suffered a nose bleed, and, as if that were not enough for one day, his wife was presented with a four-loaf clover beside the 16th tee that proved to be anything but good luck.

Yet Faldo began with some faultess golf that promised another round to add to his impressive collection since he joined the American four five weeks ago. Starting at the tenth, he was striking the ball sweetly with that classic swing of his and he immeafter time the ball slid past from 7ft after a superb pitch shot. At any one of the mext five holes, or indeed all of them, he could have made further advance, but time

of after a superb pitch shot. At any one of the next five holes, or indeed all of them, he could have made further advance, but time after time the btll slid past from distances as close as 6ft. One one occasion he claimed that he had missed "by a dimple ".

He needed a chip and putt to save his par at the 16th (his seventh) but now the clover exerted its evil influence. From then onwards his game changed completely, whereas before he had been missing birdies by a whisker, he now had to struggle to save par as the flow of blood from his nose increased and the flow of power to his legs subsided.

His driver now made unfair demands on the rest of his game and after a four at the short 17th, he lost three strokes in the course of five holes. He underclubbed to the short 17th (223yds), found two bunkers at the long first and missed the third green after a pushed drive.



First signs of fatigue in

younger English players

Melbourne, Feb 26.—Gree Norman, of Australia, with a sizunder-par 67, took a two-stroke lead after the opening round of the Australian Masters championthe Australian Masters cuampion-ship here today. Norman, the world matchplay champion, was followed by compatriot Bob Shaw, with a 69.

Norman produced seven birdies Norman produced seven birdies and an esgle over 10 holes to take the lead. His birdie streak started at the par five sixth

LEADING SCORES: (Australians unless stated): 57: G. Norman; 59: S. Shaw: 70: F. Consilin. T. Gale. N. Shaw: 70: F. Consilin. T. Cale. N. Langan; A. Russell (US). V. Somers: Tar. F. Fowler, M. Cahuli, R. Mackas, B. Dunk, N. Takasu (Japan):

Badminton



Michael King: the best of British with a 71.

The weather was ideal with not a breath of wind and a thin layer of cloud to temper the beat of the sun. If these conditions continue, it is likely that the qualifying figure for the last two rounds may not be much above par and we were therefore concerned about Faldo being able to last the distance, quite apart from whether or not the magic potions have the desired effect. The fear remains, though a long putt on the fifth has improved his prospects.

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Of the early British starters, King was the most successful with a round of 71. He too started at the tenth and at one point had got to two under par, but he was bunkered on the fourth and the eighth and found no means of recovery on either occasion. Tony Jacklin fimished on 73, defeated by the 10th (his first) which is one of the easiest pars on the course, and driving out of bounds at the 16th. Thus he turned two over and came back in strict par.

the next two years the prize money will be scaled up to £33,000 and £37,000.

began but Goodie finished well on top.
Yates began full of confidence against Modi and took the fast game 15—4. Later Modi slowed down the pace and Yates started to fade. Long before the finish he was making uncharacteristic errors and he lost the next two sets 15—6, 15—2. Tredgett and Jolly again combined flair and power splendidly to win their doubles.

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England have agreed to a Danish request to pur their Uber Cup European zone final at Redbridge back one day to April 3 and 4, with play taking place Friday evening and Saturday afternoon.

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The future of the Scottish professional golf championship was secured for the next three years when Drybrough, the brewers, amounced a £100,000 sponsorship of the event yesterday. Since 1978, last-minute deals have saved the championship from falling by the wayside, but the sponsorship announced in Glasgow will boost its importance and prestige. its importance and prestige. This year's event will take place at Dalmahoy, near Edinburgh, from October 1 to 4, with a total prize fund of 530,000. Then, in

From Eric Marsden
Johannesburg, Feb 26
Mark McNulty, who is regarded here as the eventual successor to Gary Player as South Africa's leading golfer, heads the final order of merit for the Sunshine Circuit of 11 tournaments. Though he played in only nine of the matches, he set an earnings record of £27,833.

Hugh Balocchi finished second in the Sunshine order of merit with £22,444 from 11 matches and Nicky Price, of Zimbabwe, was third with £19,130 from 10. Ian Mosey, of Britain, in is eighth place, having earned £10,060

Nuckolls has played in five tournaments so far and has a spec-tacularly undistinguished record, after on one occasion promising

tacularly undistinguished record, after on one occasion promising much. The suspicion remains that he may be daunted by his present position of eminence, especially as he took five at the munt, his last hole. His round was made by a run of three successive birdies from the 14th. He holed no outrageous putts, and it is not his golf but his temperament that is in question.

Boxing

### Jones sure his hand will be right on the night

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent
"If Colin can beat us he will
become the world welterweight
champion", said Cleveland Wason,
the manager of Mark Harris, of
Guyana, yesterday ar a press conference in London. Not so much
bad news for Sugar Ray Leonard
and Thomas Hearns, the world
champions, as for Colin Jones,
of Gorseinon, Wales, so sure is
Mr Wason that his man will take
the Commonwealth welterweight
belt back to Guyana after beating
Jones at Wembley on Tuesday.

Neither side has seen the other
in action but they have heard of
each other's reputations. Harris,
who is the No 1 contender for the
Guyana title, has lost five of his
15 boots, none of them under his By Srikumar Sen Is bouts, none of them under his present management. He has found his form in his past four bouts. Mr Wason gave a pointer of a reply when told that lones are the second of the second or a reply when told that Jones carried a hammer in both hands. He said: "The hammer has got to hit the nail and sometimes the nail can fly back and hit you in the set?"

But the unemployed Jones, who will shortly find work on one of his manager's, Eddie Thomas's, mines, knows all about nailing his man as he did the stylish Kirkland man as he did the stylish Kirkland Laing and, more efficiently, Horsce McKenzie. A former grave digger, Jones seemed unperturbed by Mr Wason's plans for Harris's future. He aims to let the Guyanese feel the weight of his right hand which he has been using sparingly because of an operation on it last August. Jones, who admits it has been something of a problem, said he will be punching with it at the right times on Tuesday. "I won't do anything stupid like hitting him on top of his head." He was not taking any chances either yesterday. He was shaking hands with just three fingers.

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Jones's right hand could be in big demand, for Mr Thomas who rates him on a par with Ken Buchanan and Howard Winston, has a busy programme planned for him. In 18 months' time he hopes his charge will be boxing for the world title. In the meanwhile, he has to defend his British title against Laing, on April 28 before going for Jorgen Hansen's European title.

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Williams ban: Dave Williams; a Belgian-based British lightweight is not likely to be allowed to box in Britain—even though he has been nominated by the EBU to meet Detry's Charlie Nash for the European side Williams from meet Detry's Charlie Nash for the European title. Williams, from Borehamwood, turned professional in Belgium after being asked by the English Amateur Boxing Association to retire on medical grounds. Williams, who is unbeaten in 18 boxts, was refused a licence by the British Boxing Board of Control because his eyes were below the required visual standard.

standard.
The British light-middleweight title bout between the holder, Pat Thomas and Herol Graham has been cancelled because Thomas has flu.

Ken Norton meets the unbeaten Gerry Cooney at Madison Square Garden on May 11.

### Jesus caught broadside

A re-row was ordered by the impire in Division Two of the men's race on the second day of the Oxford University torpids on a freezing Isis yesterday.

The trouble flared up when the Jesus boat was caught by Pembroke and turned broadside Goode beat Karlsson 15—12, 18—13, with the Swede sometimes picking up points when the Englishman's concentration seemed to waver. Goode's spin service was safely handled by Karlsson who went into an 8—2 lead in the second set but was unable to sustain his effort. There were five changes of hand when the serving began but Goodie finished well on top.

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### **Trinity Hall rally** is all in vain

Lents yesterday. Lady Margaret were nearly three lengths up in the Reach but Trinity Hall spurted from the railway bridge and steadily closed to within one length before the gap widened

again.

Clare caught Jesus at Ditton and knocked off Jesus' rudder.
Jesus tried to clear the river, but were out of control and were hit by Fitzwilliam following close behind.

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### Silver Buck shines in trial for Cheltenham

By Michael Seely

Silver Buck stamped himself as the likely winner of the Cheltenham Gold Cup with an immaculate display of jumping in the Jim Ford Challenge Cup at Wincanton yesterday. Silver Buck, a dual winner of the King George VI steeplechase, may have had little to beat. But there was no denying the quickness, accuracy and boldness of his fencing.

Six to one is now the top price on offer against Michael Dickinson's nine-year-old for the Blue Riband of steeplechasing. However Ladbrokes offer 7—2 with a proviso of a run and these odds should be taken as Silver Buck may be withdrawn if the ground is bottomless at the National Hunt festival.

Michael Dickinson, the trainer.

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Michael Dickinson, the trainer, was thrilled with Silver Buck. "That was very good", he said. "The horse will not have another race before Cheltenham but if the clerk of the course allows me I would like to give him a school over hurdles at Wetherby next

over names week."

Tommy Carmody, the winning jockey, deserves full marks for courage. The Irishman aggravated an old injury to his shoulder when

Earthstopper makes his mark

By John Karter

Wincamon may have had the monopoly on established stars yesterday, but Lingfield Park gloried in its own little galaxy of glittering promise. Josh Gifford, the Findon trainer, many of whose horses have mystified him by their leader-footed efforts this season, is suddenly finding that they can hardly put a hoof wrong. Gifford produced the equine find of the afternoon when his seven-year-old Earthstopper won the Surrey Novices' steeplechase from a field well above average for this type of event.

Earthstopper was having his

well above average for this type of event.

Earthstopper was having his first race over fences, but jumped as effortlessly and competently as if he had been doing it all his life. He made most of the running and had far too much speed for the odds-on favourite, Prayukta, and Sea Captain on the flat.

Gifford, although pleasantly surprised by Earthstopper's victory, was unequivocal in his assessment of the horse's potential: "I've always said he'll win a Cheltenham Gold Cup one day." Earthstopper will run next in a novice event at Sandown Park in March, when he will be ridden by his American owner, the amateur rider George Sloan. Thereafter he will have possibly one more undemanding race and then be put away to be groomed for his role at the top.

Gifford's young rider Chris Kinane, at 6ft 25in our tallest

Triangle fell behind Money Talk in the Fouthill Handicap. The doctor refused to allow Carmody to ride Arazaho in the Kingwell Pattern Hurdle but passed him fit in time to take the mount on Silver Buck. "It hurt quite a bit", Carmody admitted afterwards. bit", Carmody admitted after-wards.
Heighlin did not jump too well in the early stages of the King-well Hurdle, but moved up to challenge in the straight. At the last flight of hurdles Gay George was just leading Jugador and Atataho with Heighlin on their heels.

Atataho with Heighlin on their beels.
Heighlin, the favourite, did not take the flight too keenly and in addition had to be switched to launch his attack. In a thrilling finish Jugador beat Gay George by a head with Heighlin, who was finishing fastest of all, only another head behind in third place. Jugador is trained by Derek Kest and was ridden by Peter Haynes.
After this victory it is hard to deny that Stanley Powell's six-year-old must have gone close to winning the abandoned Schweppes Gold Trophy.
David Elsworth, Heighlin's trainer, was not entirely satisfied trainer, was not entirely satisfied with this display. "Apart from my horse's rather slovenly jump-

easier in the straight."

But Elsworth may have misread the race, for the pace suddenly quickened at the second hurdle from home. This did not suit Heighlin who needs a strongly run race thoughout. For my money he is still the one that Sea Pigeon has to beat in that final steep uphill climb in the Champion Hurdle.

The other feature of the after-The other feature of the after-noon was the victory of Ballytop over Aleos in the first division of the Mere Hurdle. Ballytop was a useful horse on the flat last season when he finished second to Water Mill in the March Stakes at Goodwood.

Ian Balding said afterwards: " I plan to run the four year old ar

plan to run the four year old at Newbury on Saturday week and if he runs well there he could take his chance in the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle." Triumph Hurdle."

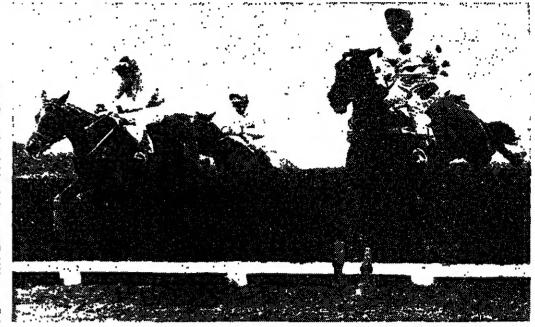
Nick Gaselee was at Wincanton and said that Prince Charles's new acquisition, Good Prospect, would not be able to have a race before the Grand Military Cold Cup at Sandown, "Good Prospect is not entered in any events for amateur riders and Prince Charles is not allowed to take on pro-

Hunters Chase. Spartan Missile was disqualified from first place after beating Ramblix at Sandown which should be the sharper for his first race of the season. Remigio who ran well when third to Roadhead at Huntingdon is the one that Spartan Missile has to beat.

Other possible winners at Kempton are Applante in the Manor Novices Chase and Golden River who runs in the first division of the Ashford Novices Hurdle. Golden River put up a sound enough performance when runner up to King Ba Ba at Cheltenham to suggest that Jim Joel's five year old may have the measure of today's opposition.

Royal purchase

Nick Gaselee, the Lambourn trainer, confirmed yesterday that the Prince of Wales has bought the steeplechaser Good Prospect, winner of 22 races. Gaselee said that he had entered Good Prospect for the Grand Military Gold Cup at Sandown on March 13.



Earthstopper (left) goes flat out for victory over Prayukta at Lingfield yesterday.

TOTE: Win. 22.43: places. 36p. 30p. 21.33. Dual F: £3.41. CSF: £14.06. N. Mitchell at Sherboards. 21. 21. Tower Bridge (100-30 fav). Tatru (6-1) eh. 12 ran. 2.45 (2.49) KINGWELL PATTERN MURDLE (24.27: 2m) JUGADOR. br 8 by Jauls—Janette (S. Powell) 671.7 (2.49 Cearge ... W. Bmith (6-1) 2 Heighlin ... 8. Joher (4-5 2m) 3 TOTE: Win. 87p. places, 15p. 21p. 19p. Dual F: £1. CSF: £5.08. D. Kent at Chichester. hd, hd, Atathe (40-1) 4th. 11 ran.

4th. 11 rmn,
3.15 (3.20) JIM FORD CHALLENGE
CUP CHASE (23,601: 3m 1f)
SLIVER BUCK, br g by Silver Cloud
—Choice Archiese (Mrs C.
Fealber) 9-11-11
Ariffice ... R. Hoare (15-2) 2
Spider Mas .. James Guest (25-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 14p; places ... 11p, 34p,
Dual F: 20p, CSF: 23p, M. Dickinson
at Harewood, 31, 31, Master Smudee
(15-5) 4th. 7 rem. NR: Tristram
Shannty and Preetbury,
3.45 (3.53) MERCE HURDLE (Div 1:

(13-3) 4th. 7 rem. NR: Tristram (Shandy and Precebury).

3.45 (3.53) MERE MURDLE (Div 1: 4-yo maldens: £214: 2m)

BALLYTOP 9 9 by High Top—
Ballytown (Mrs & McDongaid)
10-10 Mrs E. Whedlam (9-2) 2
York Cohage ... R. Linley (3-1) 3
TOTF: Win. 58m; places. £6m, 17n.
30p. Dual F: £1.34. CSF: £5.04. 1.
Balding at Kineschere. 2:9, 10l. Second Event (15-8 fav), avens Tower (16-1: 4th. 23 ran.

4.15 (4.22) MERE MURDLE (Div II: 4-yo maldens: £414: 2m)
BARON BLAKENSY, gr c by Blakeney — Teleflora: Whosilay Leisure Lid; 10-10 ... P. Leach (7-1: 4 Moentain Monarch W. Smith [9-1: 2 Brolesn Flight ... A. Webber (6-1: 3 G) TOTT (Wh. £1.35; places, 46o, 19o, 670, 2m; Win. £1.30; Win.

2.30 (2.32) SURREY CHASE (Novices £5.194; abi 2m).

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EARTHSTOPPER, ch g, by Fair
Turn—Countess Charmers (G.

Saon), 7:21-5

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TOTE: Win, 91c; places, 25p, 13p, Dual F: 51p, CSF: £1,37. J. Gifford at Findon, 24, 21, 31, 80d Argument (11-2) 44h; 7 ran, NR: Prince Abyss.

(11-2) 4th; 7 ran. NR: Prince Abyes.

5.0 WORTH WOOD HURDLE (4-y-g nowice selling: £414; abt 2m)

PLATTS PIECE, b f. by Super Sip——Crisp Star (N. James), 10-0

King's Piecele A. Coogan (13-2) 2

Cella's Hele S. Smith Eccles (14-1)

Cella's Hale S. Smith Eccles (14-1)

TOTE: Win. 35p; piaces. 17p. 38p.

35p. Dual F; £2.16, CSF: £1.62. P. M.

Taytor at Upper Lambourne. 12i. 10i.

13i. Mass Gaylord (10-1) 4th. 14 ran.

3.30 (5.34) FELCOURT CHASE (Han-

131. Miss Gaylord (10-1) 4th. 14 ran.
3.50 (5.34) FELCOURT CHASE (Handicap: £1.791; abt 5m)
HARD OUTLOOK, ch g, by Harwell
—Princes: Prospect (Lady
Wales) 10-10-13
Silent Burs . J. Francome (4-1) 1
Silent Burs . J. Francome (4-1) 2
Princes Risk R. G. Hughes (8-1) 3
TOTE: Win. 47p: places, 16p 35b, 19p. Dual F: £1.96. CSF: £2.14 A.
Wates at Dorkins. NK. 10f. 51. Silppory
Dick 11-4 fav . Menquilla (12-1) 4th.

Dick 11-4 fav. Menquilla (12-1) 4th.
14 ran.
4.0 (4.06) EDEMBRIDGE HURDLE
(Bandicap: 522: abt 2m)
KEMO Hill. 5 g. by Yukon Eric.
Rock Me (Mrs G. Davison)
6-10-5 ... M. Hartheton (10-1) 1
Saksyanesse ... C. Mann (12-1) 2
Sakvay ... M. Perrett (23-1) 3
TOTE: Win. 99: blaces, 19e. 62e,
49p. Dual F: £3.56. CSF: £14.41.
A. R. Davison at Caterham. 3. 10i.
2 1. Edith Rose 7-4 fav. Fairmon
(20-1) 4th. 15 ran.
4.30 (4.38) HEDDON HURDLE (Div
11: novices: £31: abt 2m)
NTINTO, gr c. by Connaught—
Cranberry Sauce (Countyclast)
4-11-1 R. Champion (3-1 it fav) 1
Fairless laps R. Strong (11-12) 2
Sir Gardon
P. Studamore (3-1 it fav) 3
TOTE: Win.46e: places, 16e, 20p.
10b. Dual F: 810. CSF: £2.27. J. Oid

P. Scudamore (3-1 it fav) 3
TOTE: Win.46p; places. 16p. 29p,
10p. Dual F: 81p. CSF: E1.27. J. Old
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(20-1) 4th. 16 ren.
TOTE houself: Earthstopper, Platte
place. TREELE: Platts Place. Hard
Outlook, Kene Hill.
VACEPORT. Not page 1900 of £1.667

professional jockey, put up the trainer, Edward O'Grady, does not riding performance of the afternoon when he won the Feicourt tunity his talent merits.

Handicap steeplechase on Hard Outlook. Kinane kept his horse beautifully balanced to resist what appeared to be a typically irresistible John Francome flourish on the runger-up Silent Burn. on the runger-up Silent Burn, Kinane, whose father, Mick, is travelling head lad to the Irish

trainer, Edward O'Grady, does not appear to be getting the opportunity his talent merits.

Bob Champion, Gifford's established stable jockey, who rode Earthstopper, had to put a lot more effort into his victory on Instito in the second division of the Heddon Novices' burdle. In a blood-stirring climax to a wickedly cold day, three horses, Intinto,

across the line together, the photograph showing that they had finished in that order. Indinto has had foot trouble, but this has now cleared up, and there will certainly be worse outsiders than him in Cheltenham's Triumph Hurdle.

### Kempton Park programme

1.30 ASHFORD HURDLE (Div 1: novices: £1.514 : 2m)

Whiters (D), R, Head, 7-11-12, ... gar's Eridgo, F. Walwyn, 6-11-5 annicus, F. Whiter, 5-11-5 ... sture, Mrs S. Carter, 7-11-5 ... wrife Maddle, S. Mellor, 6-11-5 ... la.mas Visit, J. S. Wright, 7-11-5 5 Fal.
2.15 (2.18) FAIRYLAND CHAI
(Handlesn: 21.465: 2m 5f)
LUSTFUL LADY, 5 m Fig.
Rusandine—Joyni Tears Mrs E. Mitchai) 9-10 m Michell (25-1)
Hot Tomats P. Blacker (11-2)
Cassies Roy M. Williams (33-1)
TOTE: Win 82 42: where X6 Oxford Lame, P. Bailey, 8-11-5 Pearls Display, K. Cumingham-I Orford Lase, F. Danie, Brown.
Pearls Dippley, K. Cunningham Brown.
5-11-5
Skaistoard, R. Carter, 5-11-5 Mr P. Webber
Seriagfieldorecker, D. Barons, 7-11-5
Cargoes 7

25 Steer Point, W. Fisher, 5-11-5 Cargoes 7
27 800 Tartan Hestis, M. Scudamore, 6-11-5 Walts 4
29 0002 Davidgallony Affair (D), F. Vardies
30 001s Mosset, S. Palling, 4-10-12 Morris 4
31 3100 Royal Casino (D), L. Wardle, 4-10-12
31 Canries Street, Miss A. Sinclair, 4-10-5
30 Canries Street, Miss A. Sinclair, 4-10-5
31 Royal Casino (D) Rowell 38 0000 Grima, I. Dudgeon, 4-10-5 Rowell 39 00 Handy Dancer, A. Moore, 4-10-5 More 42 42 4 Masterplan, Mrs W. Sykes, 4-10-5 Morshead 44 0000 Polwick, M. Ryan, 4-10-5 Morshead 5-1 Golden River, 100-30 Begsar's Bridge, 5-1 Charite Muddle, 13-2 Britanaicus, 8-1 Day After, 10-1 Masterplan, 12-1 Royal Casino, 16-1 others.

2.0 MANOR CHASE (Novices: £1,625: 2m) 2.0 MANOR CHASE (NOVICES: 1,625: 2m)
201 1313 Broomy Bank (D), J. Edwards, 6-11-10
202 p01f Farmous Footsteps, Miss A. Sincleir
203 1112 \*Prayukis (CD), F. Winter, 6-11-10 Coyle 4
204 4201 Rockbarton, A. Moore, 6-11-10 ... Moore 4
205 4413 Spir Agala (D), D. Morley, 6-13-10
207 0200 Antiacen, A. Wales, 6-11-5 ... A. Webber
207 0200 Antiacen, A. Wales, 6-11-5 ... Suthern
210 0000 Eyeling Dress, Mrs W. Sykes, 6-11-5 ... Suthern
211 0000 Flying Dress, Mrs W. Sykes, 6-11-5 Morshead
212 0002 Indian Ruletts, P. M. Taylor, 6-11-5 ... 217

215 O2f Sig Jane, R. Turnell, 5-10-10 ... W. Smith 219 344-0 Northend, H. Collingridge, 5-10-10 Water 4 220 Oosf Tichyllso, N. Mitchell, 5-10-10 ... Gebbie 4 3-1 Washington Heights, 7-2 Broomy Bank, 9-2 Famous Footsiers, 11-2 Applante, 8-1 Spin Again, 10-1 Big Jake, 12-1 Rockbarton, 16-1 others. 2.30 LITTLETON HURDLE (Handicap: 4y-o: novices: £1,009: 2½m)

novices: £1,009: 2½m)

Ooli Cur Bara Boy, M. Ryan. 12-0 ... McCourt
C200 Columbium, E. Bescon. 11-1 ... Goldstein 4
C2302 Come on Taffy, I. Wardle, 10-11 Smith Eccles
1007 Mercliess King, D. School, 10-5 Francisch
1007 Mescliess King, D. School, 10-5 Francisch
1008 Mescliess King, D. School, 10-5 Francisch
1009 Mescliess King, D. School, 10-5 Francisch
1009 Mescliess King, D. School, 10-5 Francisch
1000 Francisch, M. Masson, 10-3 ... Turnell
10023 Firm Foundations (8), M. Hinchillie
1004 Gritical Times, D. Nicholson, 10-0 Carvill 4
1004 Mesclies, M. Mesclies, P. Pitnah, 10-0 ... Snart
1006 Worstead, M. Turnell
1007 Worstead, M. Mitchell, 10-0 ... Snart
1008 Worstead, M. Turnell
1009 Finsh Fred, N. Mitchell, 10-0 ... Sixonge 7
1009 Finsh Fred, N. Mitchell, 10-0 ... Sixonge 7
1009 Finsh Fred, N. Mitchell, 10-0 ... p300 Flash Fred, N. Michoil, 10-0 Stronge 7
0032 No Hission, D. Wintle, 10-0 Hyelt
0404 St Alezza, F. Rimell, 10-0 Morshead
0030 Talarama, T. Hallett, 10-0 West 7
Come on Talfy, 4-1 Our Bars Boy, 5-1 Black Rod,
Trempler, 8-1 Low Ouay, 9-1 Winabit, 10-1 Columbium.
Hasty Dawn, 16-1 others.

3.0 EMBLEM CHASE (Handicap: £2,054: 2m) EMBLEM CHASE (Handicap: £2,054: 2m)

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1337
Line Shooter (D), R. Armytage, 6-11-3 R. Davies
1337
Line Shooter (D), F. Walwyn, 9-10-11 Mooney
29-71
Princa Kumar VI (C,D), F. 9-10-10 Moorie
40-40
Birshall, J. Bridger, 9-10-5 ... Graces
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Birshall, J. Bridger, 9-10-5 ... Graces
25 Bringbow (D), R. Turnell, 8-10-2 Turnell
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Merry Meadow, A. Moore, 7-10-0 Moore 4
-4 Bideford, 100-30 Prince Kumar VI, 4-1 Line Shooter,
Galileo, 7-1 Marshal Night, 10-1 Springbow, 14-1

3.30 CORINTHIAN CHASE (Hunters: £1,084

3m)

501 0u0-p Coolishall (CD), B. Munro-Wilson 7

502 1-212 Dancing Brig (D) T. Clay, 10-12-6 Mr Glay 7

503 u1p/ Flexability (D), J. Boekey, 9-12-6 Mr Bosley 7

504 24-2 Remple (CD), F. Winter, 15-12-6 Mr Wilson 7

506 p0-r Romany Car. K. Clark, 10-12-6 Mr Wilson 7

507 22-0 Royal Air (D), M. Fear, 10-12-6 Mr Fear 7

508 49-0 Sainty Sorral, A. White, 7-12-6 Mr Fear 7

510 /21-d Spartam Missile (CD), M. Thorne, p-12-6

512 41-22 Sydney Quin, W. Relly, 9-12-6 Mr Mr Thorne

513 11-1 Village Mark, J. Canh, 7-12-6 Mr Canh 7

514 Fatage, R. Shaw, 8-12-0 Mr Adamson 7

4-9 Spartam Missile, 10-30 Remiglo, 8-1 Village Mark, 12-11 Dancing Brig, 16-1 others. 4.0 ASHFORD HURDLE (Div II: novices

Padibas, D. Barros, 5-11-5 .... Reighting 7
Padibas, D. Barros, 5-11-5 .... Fancome
Silver Topsus, E. Courses 5-11-5 Mornhad
Another Venture, R. Arkins, 4-10-5 Altha
Riack Earl, T. Hallett, 4-10-5 ... West 7
Losan (B), M. Masson, 4-10-5 Reudamore
Classes, 100-30 Repodes, 4-10-5 Reudamore
Classes, 100-30 Repodes, 4-10-5 Reudamore
Classes, 100-30 Repodes, 4-1 Rols Owen, 5-1 6-4 High Old Timr. 100-30 Hertofes, 4-1 Ro's Owen, 6-1 capulco Gold. 7-1 Maitan. 12-1 Birwood Lad. 16-1 others.

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Kempton Park selections

By Michael Seely by Milchael Seely
1.30 Golden River. 2.0 Applante. 2.30 Low Quay. 3.0
Springbow. 3.30 Spartan Missile. 4.0 Ro's Owen.

Wincapton results Stockton programme 1.45 (1.46) FONTHILL CHASE (Hand) cap: £1,357: 2m;

1.45 WAINSTONES HURDLE (Div I: Novices: Ocho Gadabout, E. Owen jun. 7-10-9 Gireidos Fancy, W. A. Stephenson.

29 000 Nice Value, R. Hollinshoad, 7-10-9 Astronomy Company, Compa

2.15 YARM CHASE (Div I : Novices : £836 : 2}m

66yd)

1 0044 Gold Invader, A. Scott, E-11-11

2 121 Lucky Rew (C), W. A. Stephenson, 6-11-11

3 1221 Lucky Rew (C), W. A. Stephenson, 6-11-11

4 130 Fercipient, G. Richards, 7-11-11 Mr McIntyre J. Co. Chartermede, J. Spearing, 8-11-4 Dickin Featherwell Flight, E. Robson, 10-11-4 Dickin Flight, 20-2 Spring Chanceller, W. Mister Moonshine, N. Stephenson, 10-11-4 Dickin Flight, 20-1 Spring Chanceller, W. A. Stephenson, 10-11-4 Dickin Flight, 10-1 Feathered Flight, 20-1 Perception, 7-4 Mister Moonshine, 12-1 Feathered Flight, 20-1 Dibers, 10-1 Dibers, 10-1 Feathered Flight, 20-1 Dibers, 1

2.45 FACEY ROMFORD CHASE (Handicap:

5 FACEY ROMFORD CHASE (Remunder).

£1,096: 3m 31yd)

3024 Current Gold. G. Richards. 10-12-4

15-1a Bryan Beru. R. Hellinshead. 10-11-1 Mr Carden

21-00 Three to One, K. Ohver. 10-11-6. Mr Dun

2010 Golden Jest (CD). W. A. Stophenson.

1004 Scrunch. R. Brewis, 8-11-2 ... Punion

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2023 Helle Louis, Mrs G. Revolov, 11-11-0 ... Whyte

3002 Phone Boy. R. Robinson. 11-10-8 ... Whyte

10-10-10 Mastr. C. Crossley. 10-10-0 ... Whyte

3005 Silver Meant (B). G. Lockerbie. 10-10-0 ... Rawkins

10-10 Three to One, 3-2 Scrunch. 6-1

5-2 Golden Jest. 100-50 Three to One, 3-2 Scrunch. 6-1 Bryan Boru. 8-1 Helio Louis, 10-1 Phone Boy. 12-1 Chirent Gold. 25-1 Others. 3.15 LUCY GLITTERS HURDLE (Handicap:

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£708: 3m)

111 Mappy Yoyage, M. Dickinson, 6-12-0 Pimiott
4 /032- Saffron Cake (B), J. Wilson, 12-11-9. Grant
8 1422 Winning Brief, M. Naughion, 6-10-11 Bradien
7 2012 Ge on Joe, J. Richardson, 7-10-10. Oldham 3
10 -pffp French Art, N. Bytroft, 9-10-9 Tick
11 3103 His Roveronso, Derlys Smith, 5-10-9 Springer 7
12 0001 Tall Order, L. Foster, 7-10-9 J. Goulding
13 1324 Hapton, J. Harris, 6-10-3 J. Goulding
14 1000 Who!'s Free, T. Cuthbert, 6-10-1 Chariton
15 0000 Who!'s Free, T. Cuthbert, 6-10-1 Chariton
17 2200 Cambro Boy, R. Hobson, 5-10-0 J. Shaw 7
18 0000 Uncle Vanva, I. Jordon, 11-10-0 McGilligen 7
2003 Wedded Bliss, D. Chapman, 5-10-0 Mr Wallord
2-6 Happy Voyage, 4-1 Tall Order, 6-1 Winning Brief,
8-1 Hopton, 12-1 Go on Joe, 20-1 others.

3.45 CLEVELAND CHASE (Hunters: £480: 21m

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Stockton selections

By Michael Seely 1.45 Brother Kempinski. 2.15 Prairie Green. 2.45 Hello Lonis. 3.15 Tall Order. 3.45 Whiggle Geo. 4.15 Go Wimpy. 4.45 Karamazov.

# By Richard Streeton England, who gained three semi-final places in the singles, held a narrow lead with 20 points over Sweden (17) and India (13) as the men's triangular badminton international in Preston yesterday reached its closing stages. India by then were almost certainly out of the running to win the tournament, which carried £5,000 prize money and was sponsored by Crest Hotels. When the preliminary groups for singles were completed, Andy Goode and Stephen Baddeley joined Kevin Jolly, who had won through on Wednesday evening, in the semi-finals, together with Syed Modi, of India. England also had Michael Tredgett and Jolly through to the doubles final where their opponents were the Swedes, Thomas Kilhistrom and Stefan Karlsson. These two were responsible for keeping alive Sweden's slim chances of taking the £2,500 first prize. There were the first signs yesterday that England's recent heavy international programme was beginning to tell on their young players. The two 19-year-olds, Baddeley and Nick Yates, both looked tired and jaded in lengthy rallies towards the end of their marches and Goode, who is a year older, was also not as sharp as he can be. Baddeley allowed Vikram Singh (India) to dictate a far greater share of tactics than had been expected before the Englishman won 15—12. 15—10. Singh came from behind in the second set to level at 10—10 before two hard smashes and a deceptive drop shot brought Baddeley points that gave him the initiative at the end. Rugby League Footballer joins Wigan

By Keith Macklin

In the twinkling of a ball point pen a football professional with Bolton Wanderers yesterday became a Rugby League professional with Wigan. After a successful trial with Wigan A at Warrington, in which he scored a try, 20-year-old Roy Heancy signed professional forms for the Central Park club and was given a release by Bolton. Heancy. a wing three-quarter.

and was given a release by Bolton. Heaney, a wing three-quarter, stands 5ft 9in and weighs about 12st. He was formerly on the books of Liverpool as a junior, and then went to Burnden Park to sign for Bolton. However, Wanderers were unable to guarantee him a substantial future in the game of football, and when his

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Basketball EUROPEAN CUP: Semi-final round pool, eighth series; Nashua Den Bosch (Netherlands) 97. Maccabt Tel Aviv

interest in Rugby League was made known to them, Wanderers approached Wigan with the suggestion that Heaney was worth a trial.

Alan Fawcett, the Wigan general manager, said: "We are delighted with Heaney's form, and he will probably go straight into the first team for the important Second Division game with Whitehaven at Central Park on Sunday."

The disciplinary committee at Leeds yesterday ruled out four players from Sunday's second round Challenge Cup ties. The most vital decision affected Len Casey, the international Hull Kingston Rovers forward, who was suspended for one game and who misses the home tie with York.

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Booth (left) didn't appear, Bailey did: result was the same.

### **Suspended Booth and** Bailey miss cup clash

John Bailey, the Everton full-back and Tommy Booth, the Man-chester City defender, collected suspensions yesterday which will keep them out of the FA Cup quarter final round tie between the clubs at Goodison Park on March 7. They were banned for two games each for accumulating 20 disciplinary points.

Gordon Lee, the Everton manager, supported Bailey at the FA commission hearing in Birmingham, and reported that he has already fined Bailey because of his disciplinary record. Mr Lee said: "He had a fair hearing. It is very unfortunate that it comes at such a time, but he has got to accept it and live with it.

"He is a very important player to us but will learn from what has happened. We had a bad record at Everton, but have tried to im-

Booth , who did not request a personal hearing, was dropped for Tuesday's game at Arsenal, allowing the return of Tommy Caton, because John Bond, the City manager, expected him to collected a ser, expected him to collected a ban. Balley will also miss tomor-row's first division game at Crystal Palace and Booth is ineligible for the game at Stoke City the same

day.

Halifax Town, of the fourth division, will be without three players because of suspension tomorrow, but the club's record was defended by George Kirby, the manager. Vernon Allatt, a striker, and Malcalm Goodman, a defender,

20, and both miss the home game against Crewe Alexandra, as will Tommy O'Nelli, who last week was suspended for three games. Defender David Evans is due to face a disciplinary hearing next week. Mr Kirby sald: "We are not proud of our record, but I have not got a dirty side. When we got rid of yellow cards everyone thought the number of bookings would fall away, but it is as though referees are trying to prove a point."

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John Blackley, the Preston North End Scottish international defender, Fred Robinson of Huddersfield Town, and Mike Trusson, of Sheffield United, were all suspended for two games from tomorrow for totalling 20 points. Trusson pleaded in vain that he was booked for another player's offence in the February 14 match

at Swindon.
Steve Williams, Southampton's England under-21 midfield player, was banned for two games by a commission in London. He had also collected 20 points and will miss tomorrow's game at Liverpool and the re-arranged home game against Manchester United on March 7, brought forward from May 2 because of planned ground improvements.

Today's fixtures

### Wallace apologizes to fans for losing Cruyff

star does not want to play for the struggling Midlands club. "It's hard luck on the fans, but I really believed he was coming", Wallace said. "I did not try to deceive

No financial details were re-leased, AP report from Amster-dam. Cruyff will join his new club today and play his first match on Sunday. "The change-over to Spain will be less of a problem to me than a move to England", Cruyff said. "The Spanish climate is more pleasant than that in

### Kaye's sacking by | Scotland need six more points

Stein predicts

sign of the times Scuuthorpe United became the latest club to show how the economic recession is hitting football yesterday when they sacked their coach John Kaye and announced that they will not run a reserve team next season.

Scunthorpe is a

team next season. Kaye, the former West Bromwich Albion defender and Hull City manager, has been made redundant purely because of "economic necessity" said the Scunthorpe chairman Jack Empson, and not because the fourth division club were dissatisfied with

Scunthorpe are losing up to £2,000 a week, and the decision to dispense with a reserve team almost certainly means the club will prune its playing staff, which currently includes 20 professionals and five apprentices. Mr Empson insisted, however, that there was no danger of the club folding. "Pleat of clubs are worse off than us" he said. The club's manager Ron Ashman said he was sorry to lose Kaye's services but understood the reasons. Kaye, whose playing career began at Scunthorpe, rejoined them as coach three years ago.

Bristol Rovers, bottom of the second division and with only two league wins, have offered their player manager Terry Cooper a three-year contract. But they have also told him he must go on selling players. The club's chairman Graham Holmes said: "At least twoo r three more transfers must be made if we are to reduce our wage bill and over-draft."

Mr Cooper's present contract expires at the end of the season. He said: "I'll probably sign the new contract if only to put down the 'knockers' who say I will

were each banned for two matches. Allatt had 30 points and Goodman 20, and both miss the home game

at Swindon

The Leicester manager, Jock Wallace, apologized yesterday to the hundreds of supporters who bought tickets in the hope of seeing Johan Cruyff in action for the club tomorrow.

Mr Wallace hoped to sign White Hart Lane and created received received

write Hart Later and treated serious problems for the first team's visit to Sunderland. Hoddle, who has influenza and did not train yesterday, has become home match against Nottingham Forest, but learned on Wednesday night that the Dutch world cup not train yesterday, has become the 16th player on the list of casualties, although McAllister is the only regular first team man definitely out. Injuries threaten Derby County's

said. "I did not try to deceive anyone."

It is understood Leicester were prepared to pay Cruyff £5,000 a game until the end of the season, but he is now expected to take up an offer of 50 per cent of the gate at Levante, a Spanish second division side. Injuries threaten Derby County's promotion effort. Biley may miss the rest of the season after an operation on damaged ankle ligaments, and four other senior players are struggling to recover from injuries.

Alan West, of Luton Town, is a regular charchgoer, but he has decided to miss a service so that he can play in a second division.

No financial details were re-"I gave it a lot of thought and some members of my church might not agree but football is my job." he said. "I will make myself available to play on Sunday—but it might be a different matter if football were to be played every Sunday."

West, a 28-year-old midfield player and his wife Cathy are members of a pentecostal church at Luton and usually attend morning and evening service on Sunday. An 11.30 kick off at Orient means that this weekend West, a former England under-23 inter-England but I have also chosen.

Spain for private reasons." Martin Edwards, Manchester

United's chairman, admitted yes-terday that Dave Sexton's position as club manager would come under discussion at the end of the season. If is not a sensation; United are no different to any other club. If we had won the other club. If we had won the league we wouldn't even consider the possibility of discussing the manager's position ", Mr Edwards said." Like any other club in the country we would be failing in our duty if we did not review the position. More than anything else we owe it to our supporters."

Jordan is set to return for duty if we did not review the position. More than anything else we owe it to our supporters."

Jordan is set to return for United against his former club, to playing on Sundays."

means that this weekend west, a former England under-23 international, will be able to attend only the later service.

Luton have decided not to play any home Sunday games this season but will, experiment with two or three later season. Their

he can play in a second division match at Orient on Sunday. "I gave it a lot of thought and

Jock Stein, the Scotland man-ager, predicted yesterday that his side will need six more points to side will need six more points to qualify for the World Cup in Spain next year. The 1—0 victory over Israel in Tel Aviv on Wednesday was Scotland's second successive away win in group six of the qualifying competition and their next three matches are all at home. Scotland, with five points home. Scotland, with five points out of six, are now joint leaders. Mr Stein said: "I must admit I would have settled for five points out of six before the qualifying began. But now we have worked our way into this good position we must aim to press home our advantage. Our next match, against Northern Ireland at Hampden Park, is absolutely crucial. If we can put four points between the Irish and ourselves the pressure can put four points between the Irish and ourselves the pressure should really begin to tell on them". After facing Northern Ireland on March 25, Scotland entertain Israel on April 28 and Sweden on September 9.

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### THE ARTS

# A determined sense of national identity

The Long Good Friday

Ritz

The Mirror Crack'd (A)

ABC Shaftesbury Av.

Private Benjamin (AA) Warner West End

Resurrection (AA)

selected release

Every year the Berlin Film estival presents a retrospective tribute to a major film-maker. This year for the first time it honoured not an actor time it honoured not an actor or a director, but a producer, the late Sir Michael Balcon. Even the British, who might be supposed to know most of the fifty films shown pretty well, were astonished by the discovery of just how rich the British cinema was in the thirties and forties. There were the great Hitchcock thrillers the Jessie Matthews musicals made by Victor Saville, the early Ealing comedies, and films of quite forgotten quality such as Robert Stevenson's Tudor Rose, Berthold Viertel's Little Friend or Proud Valley, directed by that most tragic wartime loss to British films, Pen Tennyson.

Wat made the British cinema so good then was craftsmanship and a sure and craftsmanship and a sure and determined sense of a national identity—always enhanced in the case of these particular films by Balcon's own vety superior taste and judgment. The films have a sort of confidence that they can sell themselves without recourse to vast budgets, or running after "international" (that is, American) agneal.

tional" (that is, American) appeal.

Above all, practically all of them—idiot comedies as well as high dramas—boast expertly crafted screenplays of the kind that provides a blueprint for the production and backbone of the finished product. They are strong on character, and draw upon the rich source of British actors (which still exists, even if most of it is now deployed in television). The emphasis on British themes gives the films the sinew of authenticity. sinew of authenticity.

the past This week we have The Long Good Friday to prove triumphantly that it can prove triumphantly that it can still be done, and that there is still life and strength in the British commercial cinema.

By today's standards The Long Good Friday was made comparatively cheaply—the budget was just over a million pounds. Whatever the mag-

Richard II Young Vic

### Irving Wardle

To the Elizabethans Richard II was the most notoriously political of all Shakespeare's plays, and Robin Lefevre's production is single-mindedly intent on proving it as politically per-

Nickolas Grace gave the game away in his interview with Sheridan Morley last Monday, by pinpointing the date as 1917. We are in a court of imperially uniformed royalty and frockcoated elder statesmen; and instead of the accustomed blaze of heraldic pageantry, Grant of heraldic pageantry, Grant Hicks's design comes over as a Plantagenet Elsinore—a raked promontory framing an open pit leading up to a cottidor and balcony mined with dark recesses and hiding places. True to its conspiratorial approach, the show introduces the buzz of discontent before revealing the royal culprit.

The first figures we see are The first figures we see are Gaunt and Gloucester's widow, discussing the deaths of Edward's sous, until their sotto voce conference is broken off by the arrival of Mr Grace's Richard—a casually supercilious figure in braces, who seems blissfully unaware of the poison that is brewing up around him.

BBCSO/Gielen Festival Hall/Radio 3

He is matched against the

Noël Goodwin

Whoever had the idea of pre-facing Beethoven's ninth symphony on Wednesday with the tersely compelling testament of A Survivor from Warsaw, had a remarkable ear for associations of musical thought and emo-tional feeling. Presumably, it emanated from the conductor, Michael Gielen, who has been an eloquent advocate of Schoenberg here before (his account of Die Gluckliche Hand at its British premiere still lingers in the memory), and was again on this occasion. Schoenberg's

memorial to the victims of the memorial to the victims of the here was to continue with the holocaust is encapsulated in symphony efter the smallest The Choice

Ned Chaillet

Soho Poly

Playwrights should benefit from the ideas behind the Writers' Theatre Collective: they should, but the benefits are not obvious in the production of Terry Oliver's short play at the Soho Poly. According to a policy statement from the collective, the playwright has taken a

responsibility for the large responsibility for the total performance, choosing his

another play.

The adjective for The Choice is "worthy". I suppose, although that would be in the context of leftish self-criticism rather than the broader realm relationship.
Mr Oliver puts the emotional

of social concern. It is a play that shares the same areas recently explored by many woman playwrights, and it attempts to consider equally the opinions and ideas of a man and a woman locked in a relationship.

weight of the play almost en-tirely on the woman's side by providing her with a history of

possible break, and allow the feeling generated by Schoenberg to colour the savage opening paragraphs of Beethoven.

So bold an intention sounded at first to be immensely excit-ECO/Asensio Queen Elizabeth Hall ing, but the performance later became over-reliant on a hard driven momentum throughout this and the succeeding move-Concertgoers spend so much of their time browsing amid the monumental masterpieces of music that it may seem like playing truant to shun Beethoments. Much of the musical detail was obscured at the pace ven's ninth symphony in favour of a programme whose items set out simply to charm and beguile the ear, as did the English Chamber Orchestra's on Wednesday on South Bank.

Had there been some change of musical character at this point, the finale's great call to universal brotherhood would have come as more of a musical joicing for its own sake. It was nevertheless jubilantly sung with firm balance of voices by the BBC Symphony Chorus, and with a strong solo quartet in Margaret Price, Alfred Hodgson, Kenneth Riegel and Roland

fathered the child she did have The man professes love and refuses wedlock because he believes marriage is a kind slavery. Despite behaving badly he manages to imprepnate her again and the woman uncon vincingly throws the responsi-bility of abortion or marriage and birth entirely on to the

Playwrights have always been well served at the Soho Poly, under the protective direction of Verity Bargate, so it is ironic should achieve a less responsive production and design than usual, from Philip Keir and director, actors and designer. a traumatic abortion and desire usual, from Philip Keir at Ir might have made more of a to marry the man who has Mick Bearwish respectively.

Some of the reviews on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.



Bob Hoskins and Helen Mirren in The Long Good Friday.

whether a film costs dear or cheap. For that matter many a multi-million picture (cf Raise the Titanic or Can't Stop the Music looks a great deal shab-bier than this one-It is talent rather than

It is talent rather than money that is invested here. As producer, Barry Henson has to his credit such television features as Jack Gold's The Naked Civil Servant and Stephen Frears's Bloody Kids. The writer—the stage and television dramatist Barry Keeffe—has developed an eventual stage at once exemplary screenplay, at once complex and tightly made, and always motivated by its characters. The director, John MacKenzie, who has done good work on television but nothing better in the cinema than Unman, Witering and Zigo and Made, shows how much more he can do only given a worth-while script to work on.

On the surface the film is made in the mould of the

made in the mould of the traditional gangster story. Bob Hoskins's hoodlum, Herold, is very much the East End equivalent of Cagney's Public Enemy, or Robinson's Little Caesar. He has made it from Whitechapel to running his own "corporation" and owning his own yacht and classy ing his own yacht and classy mistress (Helen Mirren). He has the police and the local authorities in his yocket, is planning a major London property developm forging links with national Mafia. velopment, and with the inter-

Lynda Bellingham, Nickolas Grace

Bollingbroke of Stuart Wilson in

a hare and tortoise race the outcome of which is evident

from the start. Like other

Richards, he makes a clear division between the divine body of the king and the private man-the difference being that he

regards kingship as a comprehensive insurance policy. No matter what he does, he will be

The textual Richard is often

guilty of lapses of decorum. But with Mr Grace these are

not gaffes; he commits them deliberately with the intention

to insult. After resonant official

pronouncements he slips back into character with a facetious what more remains? He

takes the hands of the outraged York tenderly in his, and then

briskly amnounces his decision to grab the Lancaster property. "I am in health" he tells the dying Gaunt, sticking his tongue

precisely 99 bars of music, it has the dimensions of tragedy,

and the fervour of protest. A

narrator in a pitched Sprech-stimme tells the anecdote of

one who survived, in a mixture

of English and German that found Roland Hermann as clear

and pointed in one language as in the other.

The text tells of a group of

concentration camp victims who responded to an order to

shout out their numbers by

spontaneously turning this into the Jewish hymn, "Sh'ma Yisroel". The male chorus (the excellent BBC Singers)

acquires an unusual force of anger from Schoenberg's set-ting, a 12-note melody derived

from his music earlier in the

work and extended through a web of orchestral polyphony. What the conductor then did

difference if he had written

nates and accountants may Everything, indeed, is com-believe, however, the public is ing up roses for Harold until generally fairly unaware the Easter weekend when enemies unknown embark on a series of lethal outrages against his organization. As the story accelerates to a crazy vortex of violence, Harold discovers he has unwittingly crossed enemies whose connexions, expertise and dedication to violence outclass his own.

As well as the merits of the writing, the suspense, the sure use of Engish idiom, character and settings, the film has the confidence to exploit British actors, who are in no way out-classed by the guest appearance of Eddie Constantine as the Madia big man. Helen Mirren's talents are enlarged by her portrait of Harold's Rodean-talking moll. Bob Hoskins is a star presence as well as a good actor. His Harold—stocky, balding, un-smiling—is a chilling creation in his unpredictable shifts from maudlin sentiment to bestial

ferocity.

The Long Good Friday is really everything that The Mirror Crack'd, produced by Lord Brabourne and Richard Goodwin and directed by Guy Green, is not. It is an attempt to reproduce the formula of Murder on the Orient Express and Death on the Nile; but here the strategy no longer works. Agama Christie's Miss Marples stories with their con-fined village setting, do not suit the all-star cameo treatment in the same way as the Hercule Poiret series with their caravans of eccentrics.

out to prove it. Even without all the land-grabbing, he would be

a tempting target.
Mr Wilson confronts this

preening adversary through steel-rimmed glasses, never re-laxing his stonily intent gaze,

and never responding to any offer of human contact. Even

when Gaunt embraces him before his exile, he stands rigidly with his arms hanging

by his sides. From the first moment, he emerges as a poli-tical opportunist with his eyes fixed on the main objective;

and his return, in tacitum con-trol of the Lancastrian apparatchiki, has unmistakable echoes of the Finland Station.

The production is a trium-phant occasion for Mr Wilson. It is less so for Mr Grace,

whose performance is limited by the simple factor that too much

of the character has to be left

out. Political masterpiece it may

gets, country locations around and about Ealing and a wealth of British character acrors. Even in the days when Mar-garet Rutherford became Miss Marple, the films still had the Now, though, Angela Lans-bury is Miss Marple and the Americans have landed. The

life of the village is altogether as the eclipsed by the presence of British Elizabeth Taylor, Rock Hud-ty out- son, Tony Curtis, Kim Novak guest and (a mere child among the onstan- rest) Geraldine Chaplin—all remaining obstinately them-selves rather than characters in the rural melodrama. Miss Taylor alone, playing a star making a shaky comeback, is irresistible. With all her awful gaudiness, she can still attract affection like the naughtiest child in the class.

Not that it matters much in the long run; for in the way of this kind of production, while all the money was being squandered, no one seems to have had time to bother with the script, which is a poorly written mess of rotten red her-rings and dragged-in plot

Private Benjamin, directed by Howard Zeiff, has done good business in the United States, which only proves how uncritical audiences are when it comes to comedy. Again the trouble is the script, which lurges from Jewish domestic comedy (Goldie Hzwa's mar-

Photograph by Donald Cooper

be, but the arias, the narcissism, the play of fantasy are also

integral to the pattern, and there is no room for them here.

moment on the castle walls when Richard has lost all his

power, and achieving self-knowledge in the Pomfret dungeon where, brilliantly, he

mistakes the visiting groom for a murderer. But much of the

ant into a tame clergyman.

Much as I love the music of

Robert Eddison's delivery, it is

a bit much to see his Gaunt

The softer option, if so you regard it, was compulsive if,

like me, you adore Hugo Wolfs music including the Italian Serenade, and regret that it is so seldom played in the orches-

tral version. This genial fore-taste of an imaginary Italy,

which Wolf was to chart later

in the Italian Songbook, was first formulated as a single movement for string quartet,

and as such is quite often per-

formed. Later, when the was sick, he planned to enlarge it to several movements, but schiooed no more than this formed. Later, when his mind

achieved no more than this transcription, which Max Reger had to edit for publication.

Wolf's bigger intentions are implicit in this version for small orchestra, the compact string texture allowed to expand, like Japanese water-flowers, in embrace woodwind and brass; several solos only here achieved the instrumental

here achieved the instrumental colour that we ought to have divined in them from the first,

and the string setting is about

faced by making the viola (Quintin Ballardie in this sympathetic account) the leader, rather than the first

ology.

William Mann

These Miss Marple mysteries riage, with the groom dropping are, indeed, just the sort of thing they did so well in Balton's cinema, with small bud- as the hopeless recruit who makes it to too of the class) and then to xenophobic fun (Goldie in Belgium escapes marriage with a man who conabout Foreigners).

It is an unsavoury mixture of juvenile knockabout and rather sour sexuality (the satyric bridegroom; the com-plicated jealousies of the comic lesbian army officer), in which Goldie Hawn, who is also executive producer, puts rather a lot of strain on her pop-eyed, rag-doll charm. Resurrection directed by Daniel Petrie from a script by Lewis John Carlino, is a watch-able oddity, a novel twist on the still booming theme of

demonic possession. This rime, however, the heroine (Ellen Burstyn), following a near-fatal accident in which her husband is killed, becomes possessed of apparently divine powers of healing. Whether it is good or evil, though, people still can-not rolerate the unexplainable; and the heroine is bounded off into the wilderness. For all the divine intimations, the idea is developed with no more sophistication than any other occult thriller. Ellen Burstyn plays it with strenuous convic-tion; and the bewildered Kansas community (notably Eva Le Gallienne as her grandmother and Sam Shepard as her lover) is sharply sketched.

David Robinson

BBC 2 (tomorrow) Ned Chaillet

Stages

Australia, America and the continent of Europe have seen creation The Conference of the Birds, but it will not be seen on the British stage, which was once Brook's natural home. His Paris-based company, The Centre for International The Centre for International Inherite Creations, has disbanded for two years and their adaptation of the Persian epic has disbanded with them. Tomorrow night, however, there are glimpses of its powerful imagery in a film being shown on the Arena programme on RRC 2. It is a capty piece of

His performance has a coherent line of growth, saving its big monarchical utterance for the BBC 2. It is a canny piece of programming, made possible by some imaginative Australian film-making. There are qualities to Brook's reading is too fast and too casual for this text. The production offers a few

work now which are extra-theatrical, which have as much to do with a search for human potential, even spirituality, as with entertainment. He and his company try never to forget the delights possible in the theatre, and the work shown is evidence of their command of bizarre novelties, such as a girl second gardener, and the trans-formation of the Queen's attendthe comical. What becomes clear in the film of the company's season in Australia, where they performed in a quarry outside Adelaide, is that the evident simplicity of this instantly reincarnated as the Bishop of Carlisle, fooling no-body in a big beard.

**Christopher Parsons** a profound sort of communica

Book review-

By Brian Johnson (David & Charles, £12.95) On March 31, 1918 the Royal

Navy had one of the largest air forces in the world. On

April 1 it was merged with the Royal Flying Corps and did not

come under the control of the

Admiralty until just before the outbreak of the war, 20 years

later. During this times the Americans and the Japanese

built carriers and aircraft specifically for them, so that the

big gun capital ship was effectively out of date when war

was declared. Fortunately for

us the German designs for carrier construction were never

realized, and we were able to provide cover for convoys un-

molested by enemy aircraft; but if Bismarck had had a carrier with her? The author does not explain the Germans' omission; it can hardly have been that they were observing the Versailles treaty of limi-tation on warship tonnage.

In retrospect it seems incredible that so many admirals (on both sides of the Atlantic) believed the battleship to be proof against air attack-despite General Mitchell's demonstration in 1924, when aircraft and weapons were a great deal more primitive than in 1939. I suspect that in the

in 1939. I suspect that in the

Royal Navy at least it may have been tied up with the fact that flying was not for gentlemen, and the Navy

should have nothing to do with

it if possible — I remember tales of wartime carrier ward-

rooms divided by a rone—Air branch one side, Ship's Offi-cers the other. Whatever the

reason, the Fleet Air Arm at the beginning of the war was

not a force calculated to strike fear into the enemy breast— that it was effective says much

for the crews; the Bismarck and the Italian fleet at Taranto

were both scuppered by men flying biplanes.

and ships in action from the sinking of Konigsberg in East Africa in 1915 to the rocketing of ox-carts in Korea in 1953,

often the only target available.

The major battles of the Paci-fic war are described at length, but the lack of a map and the plethora of squadron numbers make them hard to follow—

though it would appear that

the admirals involved at the time had much the same

trouble; perhaps they too had to cope with misprints and misidentification of aircraft—

not many, but enough to itri-

only complaints of an interesting, if specialized, book.

The author covers aircraft

Fly Navy

Not only The Conference of the Birds appears in the programme, beautifully photographed by an Australian collective known as Macau the Centre's production Jarry's Ubu plays, which appeared briefly at the Young Vic while Brook's more traditional Anthony and Cleopatra was

being presented by the Royal Shakespeare Company. More significantly, there are sections from The Ik, the production which explored the tragedy of an African society's enforced decline and where the company first turned to the bare narrative of their present style. The film-makers, who are anonymous by choice, also step back from narration in the pro-gramme to allow Brook and his actors to state the case for their adventures in theatres. There is a more eloquent statement

of their work in the photogra-phy which records the visit of Australian Aborigines to the performances and the direct power of the plays is best reflected in the faces of the Aboriginal audience. Stages, as the film is called, is halfway to being a manifesto for the sort of theatre Brook has dis-Covered since leaving Britain. The moments shown of the play Britain will not see are mere suggestions of the performits elements of Balinese dance, but it is the closest we will get.

# ROYAL COURT THEATRE **BRIAN FRIEL**





Interest rates must be

he Government would keep the vel of interest rates under riew, against the background of her developments in the onomy, Sir Geoffrey Howe, the ancellor of the Exchequer, said hen urged to reduce the level of

maintained at a

responsible level

# Reflation would undermine progress in cutting inflation

gir Geoffrey Howe, Chancellor of the Exchequer, refused to under-ske a significant reflation of the conomy. To do so (he said) would undermine the substantial progress made in reducing inflation and achieve hide or no lasting stimulus to out-

He was replying to Mr Michael Mecher (Oldham, West Lab) who used: If the Chancellor refuses to reflate, what other measures in the Government's economic stratistic can ever produce sufficient demand to stop unemployment rising to three and ulumately four million?

Sir Geoffrey Howe (East Surrey, C): One of the most important reasons for expecting growth to resume and unemployment to tall is due course is the fall in infla-

If money supply and inflation is falling that is likely to lead to a substantial increase in activity in the economy while continued azintenance in moderation in pay ettlements will reduce unit labour ests. Farlier Mr Dennis Canavan

r Geotirey Howe (East Surrey, said be understood and shared widespread desire, particularly

industry, to see interest rates me down. Since last summer

mmum lending rate had been

· Barry Sheerman (Huddersfield, st. Lab): When he thinks of erest rates, has the experiment

two years with monetarism on worth while, with its terrible its in lost jobs, industrial dec-e and all the other horrors we

When he makes the sharp cut in

erest rates in the next few days, I he also admit the total bank-acy of the policies of the last

Geoffrey Howe: I do not under-

ad the reference to the experi-nt with monetarism the last

iour Government.

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years—(Labour protests)— monetary policy was a key of the policies of the last

Stanley Newcos (Harlow, Lab): view of the heavy burden of

view of the heavy burden of rest repayments on Industry the crippling difficulties im-ed upon home buyers and the cits of the level of sterling, it is disgrace that he should have and by and done nothing while tish industry has been increas-ty destroyed and damaged and re and more hardship forced in the British people as a direct pit of fix policies.

offrey Howe: He recites a

mber of the many reasons why er interest rates are desirable, are are other reasons to be set igside them why interest rates

3 per cent since last summer.

Michael Latham (Melton C):
1 he confirm that MLR is
1rly in excess of the underlying

nomic factors, it must point to early and significant reduction MLR. (Loud Labour cheers.)

inflation? If he takes of all the underlying

fuced by 3 per cent.

(West Stirlingshire, Lab) had asked: In view of the appalling unemployment figures amnounced on Tuesday, will the Chancellor take steps to reflate the economy in order to provide more jobs and regenerate industry?

His monetarist policies have turned vast areas of this country into de-industrialized deserts.

In the past 23 months he have caused more destruction to Brinsh industry than Chancellor Hitler managed in the whole of the Second World War. on unemployment in this country has been far more serious as a result of pay increases, pay settlements and rising unit labour costs than the result of anything else. Mr John Townend (Bridlington, C): If the Chancellor is looking for further cuts in public expenditure, will he follow the example of the Reagan Government and look hard at further cuts in overseas aid? (Some Conservative shouts of "No".)

Sir Geoffrey Howe: I shall study the example of the Reagan admin-istration in their proposals and

measured against the substantial fall in inflation in recent months, interest rates have become more positive. That is one of the factors we have to bear in mind in considering future changes in MLR. As inflation has fallen, we have cut MLR by 3 per cent since last summer.

mer. Mr Peter Shore, chief Opposition

spokesman on Treasury and econo-mic affairs (Tower Hamlets, Step-

mic affairs (Tower Hamlets, Stepney and Poplar, Lab): MLR is still at 14 per cent and if the rate of inflation is somewhere around 10 per cent, that is still a vast discrepancy.

Surely he understands that for every 1 per cent, British industry has to pay £350m a year extra in terms of interest payments.

One of the results is that ICI has declared today that it has been running at a loss for the last six months.

Is not the reason why he has not cut MLR that he is waiting for his Budget in order to have something pleasant to say among all the other disasters he is going to amnounce.

Sir Geoffrey Howe: I am grateful for his tribute to the substantial reduction in indiation. He puts the estimated inflation rate below the

current year on year level. That is one of the factors that has to be

taken into account.
Mr Joel Barnett (Heywood and Royton, Lab): If he accepts the case for a cur in interest rates,

does he expect this is due to his

economic success or his economic

Sir Gooffrey Howe: The downturn

we have seen in the rate of infla-tion along with the reduction in

the rate of interest are among the

pursuing.
Mr Timothy Eggar (Enfield, North, C): The move towards monetary-based control will inevitably bring with it increased vola-

to lose control of interest rates? Sit Geoffrey Rowe: That is one of the factors to be taken into account in considering moving to

monetary based control and the speed of such movement. The fact that interest rates would be closely related to the market would have

(Labour cheers.)

tallure ?

e level. The rate has been cut tility in interest rates. Is he happy

Mr Douglas Jay (Wandsworth, Battersea, North, Lab): As we read every day what the Budget is going to commin, is there any need for a Budget speech? (Laughter.)

(Laughter.)
Sir Geoffrey Howe: I would not wish to deprive Mr Jay of the exhibatating experience of listening to that address, (Laughter.)
Mr Nicholas Winterton (Macclesfield. C) asked what representations the Chancellor had received from small businesses that interest rates should be reduced, that the Government should introduce an energy package, and that the an energy package, and that the value of the pound was deleterious to the potential for exports. Sir Geoffrey Howe: I have received a number of representations for and on behalf of small businesses. As I demonstrated to the last ses. As I demonstrated in the last Budget we attach considerable importance to the part that can be played by them. Mr Nicholas Lyell (Hemel Hemp-stead, C): Will the Chancellor consider the importance, in the Budget, of drawing a distinction between capital and current spend-ing?

which most of our policies are directed. Mr Martin Flannery (Sheffield, Mr Martin Flannery (Sheffield, Hillsborough, Lab): Can we take it that the necessary monles to be given to BSC are the beginning at least of a U-turn and a partial reflation of the economy?

The whole of North Sca oil money, at least, is having to be paid out on memployment benefit, with £5,000 per person being necessary to keep someone non-productive.

When will be reliate the economy to bring people back to work and produce so that we can compete on world markets? Sir Geoffrey Howe: Money for the sustenance of the nationalized industries, including DSC, is money raised from taxation or borrowing which cames from the rest of the economy and cannot be regarded as a het gain.

An attempt by reflation to managers are and and by is more

An attempt by relation to senerate growth and jobs is more likely to fall than to succeed and to cause higher borrowing, higher interest rates and higher whem-

Mr. John Biffen, Secretary of State for Trade (Oswestly, C), moved a Government amendment stating that the Rouse acknowledged the difficult trading conditions facing the textile, clothing and footwear industries, noted the measures which the Government had taken to give those industries a wide range of protection, and believed that their future was best assured by those measures and the pursuit of realistic policies designed to lower the rate of inflation and maintain access to export markets. He said the minimum lending rate now stood above the retail price index and in as much as the MLR was a figure which took an anticipanory view, it was interesting to note that the retail price index was on a declining path and the Treasury forecast that it should be 11 per cent by the autumn.

In the next 22 months there had

Mr Nigel Forman (Sutton, Car-thalton, C): If it is unwise to

could hurt industry

Falling exchange rate

pansion in capital expenditure in livestment. That is something to which most of our policies are directed.

Mr Marin Flannery (Sheffleid, Mr Marin Flanner) cheers.)

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> Mr Peter Shore, Chief Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs (Tower Hamlets, Stepney and Popiar, Lab): With 90 per cent of manufacturing industry working well below capacity, does the Chancellor accept that the economy is deflated? If he does, does he think that the Government has a par to eleve Government has a part to play to reflate the economy? Sir Geoffrey Howe : The Government's primary role remains that of economic stability, including the conquest of inflation. Mr Shore was kind enough earlier to pay tribute to our success in that direction. I am glad to have his support in that.

Mr James Hamilton (Bothwell, Lab): He put up consumer prices by his Budget. His hope

profit margins.
The difficulties which had con-

fronted the footwear industry were concerned with interest rates, exchange rates, the level of donestic demand and the challenge in the challenge of the challenge in the challe

of domestic demand and the chal-lenge of imports.

About 50 per cent of the low cost imports were under some kind of restraint and the Depart-ment of Trade anti-dumping unit was ready to advise the industry, and the textile industry, when-ever it was felt representations needed to be made to the Euro-pean Commission. The Commis-sion's anti-dumping staff should

pean Commission. The Commission's anti-dumping staff should be expanded to operate more efficiently.

Yesterday he had seen members of the Footwear Economic Development Committee, including the chairman. They had validly stressed the importance they attached to minimum lending rate and sterling exchange rate. Similar difficulties faced the textile and clothing industry. But the textile industry was not homogeneous and the whole question of import control could cause problems for some expects of that industry. Neither was there a united view of what were the industry's interests in trade regula-

that deflation would bring jobs has proved a disaster with unem-ployment approaching 2,500,000. Would be consider reflating to give people the jobs to which give people the jobs to they are entitled? Sir Geoffrey Howe: The whole of the Government's fiscal policy and almost all the measures introduced in last year's Budget are a good example of constructive intervention.

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Budget.
Mr John Stokes (Halcsowen and Stourbridge, C): Does the fact that ICI cut its dividend by more than half today mean that the Budget forecast is an target or not? (Laughter.)
Sir Geoffrey Howe: Mr Stokes is a robust defender of non-interventionist government. He is the last person to expect me or any other person to expect me or any other Chancellor to predict the out-come of any company results. We come of any company results. We are all concerned to see any company do less well than we had hoped.

In the last year, disposable personal income rose by 18 per cent but company disposable income fell by 20 per cent. Many of the difficulties faced by companies were a consequence of high pay settlements.

### 'Observer' deal will need consent

required for the transfer of ownerthip of The Observer from Atlantic Richfield to Lourbo, Mr William Whitelaw, Home Secretary, said when answering questions for the Prime Minister who is in Washington. He said that no application for consent for the transfer had yet

Mr Patrick Cormack (South-West, Staffordshire, C) said: Can he tell us whether permission was sought for the takeover of The Observer newspaper, and if not, why not? Mr Whitelaw (Peurith and the Border, C): I understand that Lourho representatives met the Department of Trade officials this

I am told it was made clear at that meeting that the agreement to transfer The Observer is conditional on any necessary Government consent being obtained.

Any question of a reference to mission is premature.

when an application, if one is made, naturally the Secretary of State for Trade (Mr John Biffen) will consider these matters and will naturally report to the House. Later, during questions to the Leader of the House, Mr Francis Pym, about next week's business, ir Phillip Whitehead (Derby, North, Lab) said: Since the Secre-tary of State's decision in The

as it can buy a packet of crisps.

Mr Pym (Cambridgeshire, C): I note what he says. That would be a matter suitable for an MP to raise on a private Members' day or in some other way. It is not likely that Government time will be forthcoming in the near future, but I agree about the importance of the subject.

The night sky in March

Government consent would be

morning.

On the information we now have,

the Government believe that con sent will be required. No application for consent to transfer has yet been received in respect either of Lonrho's

acquisition of The Observer or of Atlantic Richfield's stake in the Monopolies and Mergers Com-

Mr Michael Fool, Leader of the Opposition: The approaches should have been made to the Government at an earlier date (Conservative cries of "Why?".) Will be promise to give a report to the House on the matter? Mr Whitelaw: When this matter

Times newspaper case the word is going round Fleet Street that any industrial group can pick up a great national newspaper as easily as it can buy a packet of crisps.

# aware of concern about El Salvador

Mr Foot wants PM

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It would be deeply offensive it arms supplies and American intervention at a time of such delicacy would be most unwise. I do not intend to do so. If you have not a supplied by the Can undertake to convey to the Prime Minister. Will be comment on what we regard as a matter of extreme urgency for this country and offer the Prime Minister. Will be send an urgent message to the Prime Minister, whether she is in the White House or not. expressing to her the vising concern in this country and cless where in Europe about the supply of arms to El Salvador.

There are suggestions that huge extra supplies of military equipment are being prepared to be sent by the United States to El Salvador.

Would be most unwise. I do not intend to do so. Mir Foot: Surely he can undertake to convey to the Prime Minister the feeling in this House of us are concerned about freedom if some MPs on the Government side are not.

Will the British Government for forms of intervention or mediation which might assist in alleviating this tragedy, and tell us something of arms to El Salvador.

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Will the Strick Government side are more in this House and what was the feeling in this House of us are concerned about freedom if some expressed? Most of us are concerned about freedom if some my set of us are concerned about freedom if some expressed? Most of us are concerned about freedom if some expressed? Most of us are concerned about freedom if some expressed? Most of us are concerned about freedom if some expressed? Most of us are concerned about freedom if some expressed? Most of us are concerned about freedom if some expressed? Most of us are concerned about freedo

Salvador.
Would be take into account that and American intervention were to go into El Salvador on the side of tyranny and reaction? (Loud Labour cheers.)

tion if I were to respond subsequently.
Mr Julian Amery (Brighton, Pavilion, C1: Whatever may be the shortcomings of the government of El Salvador, the Cuban government has been guilty of aggression in Angola, Ethiopia and Nicaragua and now, on fairly good evidence, in Salvador,

In any communication to the

Border, C): The Prime Minister is fully aware of the concern in this country and in this House. She went in America very well aware of these facts. They are going to be raised in her discussions with the President.

I think Mr Fore raised in her discussions with the President.

I think Mr Foot would be the first to appreciate that for me to make any comment on what he has make any comment of the has

### Home Secretary condemns acts by extremists

There was increasing concern in tigation into these racist organiza-tions would be sufficiently authori-tative and wide-ranging so that he could come to the House in the tions, Mr Alfred Dubs, (Wandsworth, Battersea, South, Lab) said at Prime Minister's question time.

They were provoking attacks on black and Asian people. Ordinary people (he said) are being put on thir lists by these organizations with the result that they are receiving threatening and offensive letters and phone calls.

Mir Dubs asked Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, who was deputizing for Mrs Thatcher, for an assurance that his present inves-

near future with firm proposals for

### Minister hopes cricket tour will continue The England cricket selectors

should pick the best people for the team currently touring the West Indies, Mr William Whitelaw, deputizing for Mrs Thatcher, said at Prime Minister's question time. He was replying to Mr Robert Atkins (Preston, North, C) who said : Concern has been expressed by lovers of our summer game at the attitude being taken by the government of Guyana over the possible selection of Robin Jackman to play for England.

There is support on these benches for the England selectors in picking whoever they choose in the hope that, as a result, we will win the Test match. Mr Whitelaw: I am sure there

would be widespread agreement in the House that the selectors should pick the best people for the team which is undertaking the tour. I beliave there may be some nisunderstandings at present which I hope discussions on the spot will clear up. It would be wrong for me to comment to the hope that these will be cleared up and the tour proceed in the best interests of the game of cricket.

Royal Assent Royal Assent was signified to the Iron and Steel (Borrowing Powers) Act and the Felixstowe Dock and

### MPs to debate strategic deterrent

The main business in the House of Commons next week will be: Menday: Contempt of Court Bill. second reading. Tuesday: Debete on Government motion on the independent strategic deterrent. Wednesday: Fisheries BlH, remain-

ing stages. Thursday: Debate on Opposition motion on the disastrous effects of cuts in the educational service, Friday: Private Member's Bills: Zoo licensing (No 2) Bill, Licensing (Alcohol Education and Research) Bill and Companies Bül, second regaines.

The main business in the House of Lords will be:
Monday: Supreme Court Bill, committee. Debate on report of EEC committee on environment policy. Tuesday: Water Bill, second reading. Industry. Bill, committee. Trees (Replauting and Replacement) Bill, report. Pet Animals Act 1951 (Amendment) Bill, third are the Debate on principality of reading. Debate on privatization of certain local authority activities certain local and services. and services.

Wednesday: Debate on levels of regional unemployment.
Thursday: European Assembly Elections Bill, committee. Town and Country Planning (Minerals) Bill, report.

Parliamentary notices House of Commons

### <sup>7</sup>alue of lunch vouchers use of Lords

would be more appropriate to ame the luncheon voucher the cup voucher for it no longer thased even one sandwich, the 1 of Kinnoull (C) said when he ed whether the Government ald consider updating the unious value of the vouchers. I the Treasury thought it right 1959 to put up the value of cheon vouchers (be said) why is in not consider it right to do

hough the Government did not

nk the case for action on an C basis had been made out in

C basis had been made out in ne draft directives on comies, it was not opposed to the neiple of harmonization of comly law, Lord Treigarne. Under retary for Trade, said. Harmization of accounting requirents within the Community wild be helpful. He was moving the second readl of the Companies Bill which hald implement the EEC fourth sective on company accounts. It

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mpany and husiness names, buces the functions of the registr of companies, and improves companies investigation sys-

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im with the opportunity to intro-ce greater flexibility in their a company law requirements for counts and reduce the demands

small firms. The directive permitted member

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nding forthcoming coordination.
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pping companies were required
ladopt the new requirements.

come tax concession relating to luncheon vouchers.

Successive governments (he said) have taken the view, with which I concur, that there are strong arguments against extending selective reliefs of this kind.

I realise the value of the luncheou voucher exempt from tax has not changed for many years, nevertheless there is nothing to prevent employers giving vouchers for a higher value than the 15p. Last year 53 per cent of vouchers issued were for more than that sum.

If a voucher was issued for more d Cockfield. Minister of State, If a voucher was issued for more asury, said he assumed the Earl than 15p, only the first 15p Kinnoull had in mind the in-

For all these companies, the Government intended to keep vir-tually the status quo on the statute book for the time being. Schedule 1 of the Bill contained

the bulk of the accounting provi-sions of the directive. What was involved was primarily a shift from

non-statutory to statutory regula

non-statutory to statutory regulatimi.

When the Bill was enacted there
would certainly be much more on
the statute book concerning company accounts than was the case
now. But in the Government's
view, the major and vital role in
the developing of good accounting
standards and practice would
remain with the profession itself.

The Bill created two new classes
of company for the purposes of
accounts, medium-sized companies
and small companies, and provided
exemptions from the full accounting requirements for each class.

requirements for each class. The Government considered it right to retain full requirements for accounts prepared for shareholders, who were entitled to the fullest information about their

ompany.
The exemptions available applied

3ill on new rules for company accounts

### energy hitting UK textiles

Cheap US

Textiles, clothing and footwear were the most depressed sector of the nation's depressed manufacturing industry and the sharp acceleration in decline had been caused by Government policies, Mr John Smith, chief Opposition spokesman on trade, said when opening a debate.

Mr Smith (North Lanarkshire, Lab) moved: "This House depiores the worsening crisis in the textile, clothing and footwear industries which is caused by Government economic, industrial and trading policies".

He said it looked as if more than 100,000 jobs had been lost in those industries in 1980. There had been 40,000 lost in the clothing industry alone. In one year 10 per cent of the workforces in those industries had gone.

In recent months there had been several very large closures with firms like Courtailds and ICI shedding labour at an alarming rate.

Those industries were in deep Textiles, clothing and footwear

ICI shedding labour at an alarming rate.

Those industries were in deep crisis and there appeared to be no sign of improvement. The sharp acceleration in the decline of those industries had been caused by the Government's economic and industrial policies.

The over valued pound had hit exports particularly badly and that would get worse in the months to come, it had stimulated imports which were a recurring problem. Borrowing had been affected by the chronically high interest rates. The industries had been hit by depressed demand.

The lack of effective regional development policy had particularly hit industries located in many of the older industrial areas.

He hoped the Government

He hoped the Government would study carefully the possibility of getting a recession clause in the new multibre agreement.

In the last year or so the main disruptive fact for the textile and clausing industries had not come ciothing industries had not come from the traditionally low cost producers but from the surge of imports from the United States. That had caused a sharp turn round in the trade balance.

The sharp stimulus to American imports, perticularly in bed lines, had come from the unfair advantage which the United States conferred on themselves by the conferred on themselves by the energy pricing policies they pursued. The EEC had made no impact on the American adminis-

impact on the American administration.

The United States had paid not the slightest attention to the representations made by the European Commission and this problem of undair trading would be carried on into the foreseeable future.

There was a determined export drive going on from the American textile industry which was far too successful in obtaining a large share of the British market.

What precisely was the Secretary of State for Trade going to do if the negotiations ended in failure as it looked as if they would do? What action was the Government going to take to defend erument going to take to defend the interests of the British in-

to file as abridged balance sheet; they would not be required to file a profit and loss account or a directors' report. This represented a major reduction in the filing obligations of small companies.

Medium-sized companies would be permitted to withold information of their turnover and trading

tion of their turnover and trading margins, thus preserving their competitive position, for example

vis-a-vis large groups.

Part II of the Bill amended the law relating to the registration to companies and company names.

The number of companies on the

register had grown from about 530,000 to 800,000 between 1970 and 1980. Searches at the Companies Registration Office increased from 1,400,000 1970 to 2,600,000 in 1980.

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These functions were a substantial call on the resources of the Department of Trade and it was right that the Government should

right that the Government should have undertaken a searching look at company and business name registration when it took office. The proposals in the Bill would simplify some of those functions and thus enable the office to operate more efficiently.

The Bill repealed the Registra-

# **Anti-Government Tories**

the sutumn.

In the past 22 months there had been a tremendous increase in the exchange rate. I do not think it is quite realized (he said) the extent to which that simultion has been adjusting in recent months.

Oil was a major factor in determining the exchange rate and many believed the minimum lending rate made a contribution.

Everyone knew the difficulties from an appreciating exchange rate but the problems for industry caused by depreciating exchange rate should never be concealed. The Germans had experienced dificulties with the Deutschemark, for instance. The weaker mark had not, apparently, necessarily

Mr Nicholas Winterton (Macclesfield, C), chairman of the all-party corton and allied group, said he would vote against the Government and for the Opposition amendment. The Government falled to appreciate the problems and difficulties the textile, clothing and footwear industries were having is cortain regions of the country.

The textile and tlothing industry that many other industry, amployed 650,000 people. He consaid the Government must intro-

ampayed this with the mining in-dustry, employing a smaller number of people, who were getting special treatment from the Government. He hoped it would Government. He hoped R would give the same consideration to the textile and clothing industry.

In 1980 the industry lost more than 100.000 jobs. If there was no change in Government policy many more factories and mills in the North-West Langabire. Northern

more factories and mails in the North-West, Lancashire, Northern Region and Northern Ireland would be forced to chose.

The most effective mills in the world were included in the list of those which were now on a reduced working week.

Because the Government refused to act in the national interest to help a strategic and important in help a strategic and important in help a strategic and important in-dustry hundreds of thousands of people were being placed out of work and he found it unaccept-

Nothing would save the industry other than increased production. Action must be taken to stop imfair competition and if necessary non-tariff barriers should be used. Mr Cyril Smith (Rochdale, L) said the industry needed lower interest rates, short-term financial help, a

country.

The basic need, which the Bill sought to meet, was for provisions whereby persons dealing with businesses could find out details of their ownership.

their ownership.

A ceutral registrar was not a practical option. The Bill therefore established a system under which businesses would be required to make the information available, whether to their customers or suppliers or other interested persons, by display at places of business and on business letters and demands for payments.

The Bill would contribute to the greater effectiveness of the companies inspection system, it extended the classes of persons who might be required to give evidence in the course of investigations.

The Rill contained much of bene-

fit, particularly to small com-panies. Its provisions would be reinforced by clauses which the Government would be tabling shortly to enable companies to purchase their own shares.

duce a new temporary compensation scheme for short-time work sation scheme for short-time working to last for 12 months, reduce
MLR by at least two points, recognize there was a minimum base
which must be preserved under the
recession clause, and take urgent
steps to rectify the high imbalance
of footwar imports and make
efforts to stimulate bome trade.
Mr James Lamond (Oldham, East,
Lab) said the Government should
not reward textle workers who not reward tendle workers who were loyal to their industry with treatment which was unfair com-pared with those who were more militari. Mr John Farr (Harborough.

Me John Farr (Harborough, C), joint chairman of the all-party knitting industries group, said unless he got a meaningful reply to points being raised he would not be in the lobby with the Government. He was not prepared to accept a situation where home industries continued to be undermined by unfair foreign competition.

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The motion was rejected by 299
The motion was rejected b

# tion of Business Names Act 1916, originally passed to ensure that enemy nationals did not conceal their business activities in this

be increased

The Redundancy Fund Bill which raises the limit on the amount that can be borrowed from the National Loans Fund from £16m to £200m was read a second time.

The Earl of Gowrie, Minister of State for Employment, axid the State for Employment, said the Bill, which has passed the Commons, would also raise the amount to which the Secretary of State for Employment could increase the limit by order from £40m to £300m with Parliamentary approprial. with Parliamentary approval.

He said the redundancy fund was

He said the redundancy fund was used to pay rebates to employers who had made seatutory redundancies. Where an employer was insolvent, redundancy payments and other emittements to employees were paid from the fund.

There were various things the Government could have advanced the scale of redundance payments reduced the

The Bill was read a second time.

### Redundancy fund to

to be seen.

Venus is still a bright morning object, but it is getting too near the Sun for observation as it approaches superior conjunction

early next month.

Mars is still an evening object, but like Venus is too close to the Sun for observation. Unlike Venus it has been lurking in twilight for several months and will continue to do for several months. several months and will continue to do so for several more.

Jupiter will come into opposition on the 26th and will be prominent at magnitude —2 from midevening onwards. It will then be at its nearest for the coming year, 668 million km (415 million miles).

Saturn will reach opposition on the 27th and although less bright than Jupiter will also be readily noticed. Its distance will be 1.263 million km (798 million miles).

The Moon is near both planets on

million km (798 million miles). The Moon is near both planets on the highr 20th-21st.

Uranns in Libra will be rising about midnight during the month. Neprune in Ophiuchus will be rising at about 02h.

The Moon: new, 6d1ih; first quarter, 13d02h; full, 20d15h; last quarter, 28d20h.

Algol: approximate times of evening minima are 8d21h, 28d23h and 31d19h.

The spring or vernal equinox redundancy payments, reduced the level of rebate to employers or increased the level of contributions, but these would not have been sensible in the depth of a

28d23h and 31d19h.

The spring or vernal equinox will be on the 20th at 17h. This is when the Sun will cross the celestial equator from south to north and day and night should be of equal length. In fact, the most equal days will be the 17th and 18th.

British Summer Time will begin on the 29th, when 02h CMT will

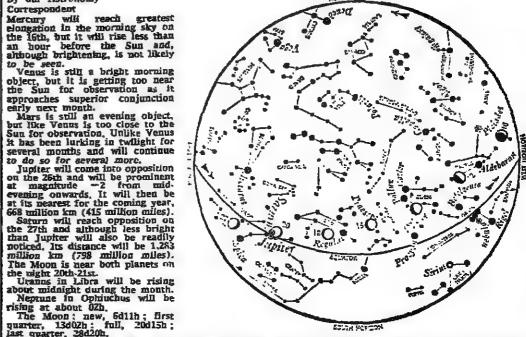
and 18th.

British Summer Time will begin on the 29th, when 02h GMT will become 3 am BST. This is a departure from the usual date and many diaries had already been printed when the decision was made. GMT will continue to be used in these notes unless specifically stated otherwise.

As we all know, most stars in the northern half of our monthly map are circumpolar and never set, and those in the south move from east to west as the night passes and eventually do set. Experience shows, as does a comparison between successive Times maps, that there is a similar east-west change from month to month at a fixed time such as 23h.

At this time of year there is

At this time of year there is another factor curtailing the visi-bility of constellations in the western sky, the lengthening of evening daylight. The January map is valid for March 1 at 19h and shows Pogasus not quite set



The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 25hr 113 pm; at the beginning 23hr 110 pm; in the middle and 21hr 19 pm; at the end of the month, local Mean Time. At places years from the Greenwich Marddan the Greenwich times at which the diagram applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of Greenwich and therefore observable. By midMarch the map will apply at 18h,
but Pegasus will not be observable as daylight will have caught
up with it.

By way of contrast the September map shows Arcturus just setting but still observable. The
aspect applied to December 1
at 17h and the star would still
have been observable, as the Sun
had set over an hour earlier.

Little can be seen now of the
starry sky earlier than 19h, so starry sky estiler than 19h, so the western constellations will soon be lost. If binocular users have not yet If binocular users have not yet looked for the galaxy in Andromeda, the most distant object visible to the naked eye, this is the last chance for some months. Its alritude between 19 and 20h will be from 40° to 30°, clear of horizon mists but not so high as to strain the neck. Until the 6th there will be no moonlight and most of the twilight will have gone. The object will be a little to the north of west. Other binocular objects mentioned in January will be observ-

able all evening; in the west the open clusters Pleiades and Hyades (the region around Aldebaran) in (the region around Aldebarah) to Tourus; between south and west the nebula in Orion; and fairly high towards the south is the cluster Pracsepe (the Beehive) in Cancer. With all three, avoid nights when the Moon is near; indeed, it is better to avoid all dates when the Moon appears on our man. our map.

For the next month or two Leo will be the dominant group in the will be the dominant group in the south aspect. It is one of the most aucient of the constellations, going back to Babylonian and Egyptian times. That was long before Greek mythology associated it with the Nemen lion killed by Hercules.

In those early days, when the Zodiac was invented, the Sun was in Leo at the height of summer; precession of the equinoxes has since moved the solstice to the Gemini-Taurus boundary. Thus the constellation in ancient Egypt was associated with the Sun; It has even been suggested that the Sphinx is a representation of Leo.

### Opposition demands for calculation of total cost of unemployment these resources being used to ease son coming out of the private memployment among young sector. I do not believe early people, if those aged between 16 retirement could solve the prob-

Juse of Commons

Leon Brittan, Chief Secretary
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Rouald Leighton (Newham, wh East, Lab) asked for the worker to the Exchequer of 2,400,000 tuployed, taking account of a loss of revenue from direct dindirect taxation, national arrance contributions and polementary and other benefits.

Brittan (Cieveland and Whitby, February & Economic Progress February's Economic Progress For article notes that each Fease of 100,000 in the level of Employment in the private for costs the Exchequer £240m terms of tax foregone and reased benefit payments. If unemployment occurs in the blic sector there could be

angs rather than costs.

Mr Leighton: His misguided efforts to cut public spending, because they increase unemployment, are self-defeating. Research done for me by the Library, using the Treasury model, and the survey which Mr Brittan mensurvey which Mr Brittan men-tioned, shows the current cost of the unemployment queue to be about £8,50001. If he were to increase demand

If he were to increase echients in the economy and ensure that this does not suck in imports, we would put the country back to work, increase wealth and cut the public sector borrowing requirement.

requirement.

Mr Brittan: He would not wish to ascribe to the Library his own errors. The article made clear that it was misleading to gross up the total to get the costs.

Simply to spend large sums of money as he advocates would mean higher taxation and burrowing, higher interest rates and damage to the economy.

Mr Alan Hazelburst (Saffron Re should note the article's damage to the economy.

Mr Alan Hazelhurst .(Saffron Mr Alan Hazelhurst a difference to the question of employed.

these resources being used to ease unemployment among young people, if those aged between 16 and 18 were taken out of the collective bargaining system and paid a simple standard allowance, whatever they are doing?

Mr Brittan: It is true that they aged aged 16 to 18, when they are comployed, often work on the same collective bargaining conditions as the rest of the population, frequently making employers more frequently making employers more reluctant to employ them.

rejuciant to employ them.

Mr Peter Bardy (Rother Valley, Lab): Research shows that the cost of memployment for an adult male is £4,500 a year and that this does not allow for the enormous administrative costs or for the recent increase in the benefit or national insurance contributions.

Is the problem not so enormous that Government policy should be changed and early retirement for men introduced?

Mr Brittan: There is an average cost of £3,500 to the Exchequer for every extra unemployed per-

lem. Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch and Lymington, C): Has his department estimated the cost of each year's reduction in the age of early retirement to the Exchequer, and the numbers presently unemployed who may gain employment if this were done? done?
Mr Brittan: Without a specific figure, the cost of reducing the retirement age in the sense of making available retirement peasions to people at an earlier age, Mr Peter Shore, chief Opposition one reter shore, their upposition opposition on Treasury and economic affairs (Tower Hamlets. Stepney and Poplar, Lab): After all the obfuscation and stonewalling of recent months on this interesting question of upemploying or recent mounts or this interesting question of unemployment costs, we were glad to see the Economic Progress Report article. But it is patently an understatement of the true cost.

Why, for example, are not the costs of the additional one third unemployed, for every 100,000 registered unemployed, added, in terms of their failure to be able to contribute income tax payments? That is an obvious addition.

The indirect tax costs, those auributed to inability to pay VAT and excise duties, could have been included in the figures.

If he can produce figures for If he can produce figures for 100,000 memployed, why on earth cannot he give reasonable estimates of the polal costs of the two and a half million? Mr Brittan: He complains if there is no estimate and again when a serious article is published

when a serious arricle is purposition setting out the matter.

A lot would depend upon the cause of the unemployment so one campot take these indirect factors into account. If, for example, the impact of unemployment in one sector was that those in the sector was that those in the remaining sector increased produc-

### FOREIGN REPORT

# Civil crusaders of Solidarity need breathing space to put their house in order

What is Solidarity? An "independent self-governing trade union", says its statute. A political party manipulated by counter-revolutionary elements, say communist "egitators" in Prague and East Berlin. "The Polish nation in opposition"; saws a Posses Carbolic observer. grace, declares the Pope.

Six months after its violent birth in the Lenin shippard in Gdansk, it is unclear what kind of organization Solidarity will become. If the social peace achieved in the first fortnight of General Wojcieck Jaru-zelski's Government lasts, the movement's national leadership will be able to address the

question for the first time in relative tranquility.

The National Coordinating Commission (KKP) has thus far had no chance for cool, calm deliberation. Since its hasty formation last September Solidarity's only central coun-cil has lurched from one sym-bolic conflict to the next, in an almost continuous battle to force a reluctant and divided party leadership to honour the commitments it made in last

Professor Boleslaw Geremek, a historian by calling and per-haps the most brilliant of Solidarity's advisers, describes the impact of this long drawn-out struggle on the 52 regional representatives who make up of political organization until the day when they were catapulted into their present seats by popular acclamation.

Mr Ryszard Kalinowski, for example, one of Mr Lech Walesa's two deputy chalrmen, is a 27-year-old electrician from the northern industrial town of Elblag. "I just got up on a packing case and started to speak! and the people seemed to like what I said", he reminisces. He has not looked back since. According to sources in the mushrooming (and uncensored) union press, Mr Kalinowski and the majority of his colleagues can be confident of being confirmed in office at the regional elections due to be held on March 10. (Elections at the local level were held in Janu-

It is remarkable how much Poland's new working class have learnt in six months, starting from scratch, in the practice of pluralist democracy. In their cramped smoke racy. In their cramped smoke breathing space to put its filled committee room in the Hotel Morski in Gdansk, the clearly be lively debate about what that order should be a spirited whether the spirited wasted. There is even a recog-nized signal—raised bands with palms open—to stop a bore.

The discussion is skilfully guided by "experts" like Professor Geremek and Mr
Tadeusz Mazowiecki, a prominent Roman Catholic intellectual and prospective editor.

Prague and East Berlin. "The vigilant. An increasingly prom-Polish nation in opposition"; says a Roman Carbolic observer in Warsaw. A virtue and a sor Geremek a medievalist but unlike him a full member of A civil crusade is perhaps the nearest one could come to ative from Wroclaw and offidescribing Solidarity's present cial press spokesman. Mr Mod-condition in a phrase. Kuron (they were co-authors of a dissident "Open Letter of the Party as early as 1964), best known for his tireless activity in the opposition Social Self-Defence Committee (KOR), can occasionally be heard to growl an interjection

from a back seat.

But most of the talking, and the voting, is done by the workers. There are no clear divisions between "moderates" and "hardliners" among them.
"Only cows do not change their minds", one of Mr Walesa's closest collaborators memora-bly averred at a recent meeting, when changing his. Rather the whole commission has become more militant, faced with the persistent procrastinawith the persistent procrasma-tion of the authorities. "In September I really believed the Government wanted to keep its word. Now I only believe in the truncheon [strike action]" Mr Kalinowski

sums up bluntly.

If the national leadership is more militant now than last September the real Jacobins are to be found in the regions. Last mouth saw regional branches in the south and east the KKP. These men (like the TUC, Solidarity's leadership seems to be a male preserve) are workers, mostly young, and generally with no experience and solidarity and stance, for the dismissal of corrupt officials) with independent large-scale industrial action.

The problem is the weakness of the union's central auth-ority. As its name suggests, the KKP is only a "coordinating" commission. The statute gives no power of command. Furthermore, until this month Solidarity was without any permanent central executive. In effect, no national decisions could be made between one meeting of the KKP and the next. And they were not bind-

At its meeting, on February 12, the KKP finally tackled this problem. Appointing an ad hoc standing committee to supervise the industrial truce, they passed a resolution soundlng a warning in the strongest terms against "uncoordinated" local actions. It mentioned these true representatives of explicitly the threat of a break

> must steer between anarchic devolution and scierotic over-centralization (of which disease

inent Roman Catholic intelligence. The starute gives conficulty of the union's weekly paper. In the meantime, Mr Walesa has acquired a pipe and the rudiments of chairmanship.



Collecting money for Solidarity in the streets of Rzeszow.

the monthly wage) to Solithe monthly wage) to Soli-darity. Estimates of member-ship range from eight to 10 million, but no one knows exactly what rights and duties membership involves. How far should Solidarity take part in the limited workers' control of enterprises envisaged in the government plan of economic government plan of economic

Then it has to establish priorities among all the good intentions, from improving kindergartens to reproving alcoho-lics, set out in its statute and propaganda. Only on February 12 did the KKP at last find time to begin to work out a concrete programme.

None of this can be considered independently of the conduct of the regime. In the Politburo and the state apparatus, if not so much now in the Government, there are still powerful men who do not wish to see Solidarity put its house in order, indeed do not wish it to be accommodated at all.

In Warsaw, for example, the largest regional branch in the country has operated for months from makeshift premises in two converted flats. They have only five telephones and two Telex machines to communicate with more than 3.000 local branches. Near by, offi-cials of the re-formed state trade unions, with a memberfrade unions, with a member-ship at most a quarter the size of Solidarity's, pace the echo-ing corridors of the spacious building which formerly belonged to the defunct Central Council of Trade Unions. The Mayor of Warsaw says he has difficulty in find-ing space for Solidarity.

As Professor Geremek says there is a symbiosis between the hawks in the party and in Solidarity. The more uncom-promising are the authorities, the more the opponents of compromise gain the upper hand in the unlon's branches. hand in the union's branches.

It lies in the power of the Polish authorities to facilitate that peaceful consolidation towards which Solidarity's national leadership has long been working. Of the current points at issue, only the limitation of censorship by law must require the direct approval of Moscow. The rest, including most importantly access to the

most importantly access to the news media and the new trade union law, are at the discre-tion of Poland's rulers: to concede or not to concede. The, last Government did

their best not to concede apparently preferring to provoke trials of strength, which invariably ended in more or less humiliating defeats disguised (by courtesy of Solidarity) as compromises. As a result, the president leadership's stack of regime leadership's stock of good will is lower even than it was in September. It has had to concede more than it might have obtained, for example, on

days.

The new Government must work twice as hard to regain a minimum of confidence of Solidarity activists throughout the country. Yet there is still a chance that Solidarity will be enabled to make the transition from being a new kind of cru-sade to being a new kind of trade union.

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Is the Andean Pact, once regarded as one of the most promising economic integration experiments, not only in Latin America but the whole of the Third World, on the brink of

collapse? Less than a year ago when the pact was entering its second decade and trade strategy and tariffs were the main points of contention such a question would have been unthinkable. Yet today many observers within the "Andean Five" (Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela) are seriously viewing the unthinkable as an increasing possibility. The current border flare-up

between Peru and Ecuador is hardly a glowing testimony to the principles of regional co-operation and harmony to which the pact is pledged. It is even more tragic when it is considered that it is only during the last two years that first Ecuador and then Peru (pressed hard by the Carter Administration and nudged by Venezuela and Colombia) each

ended a decade of military dic tatorship and returned to the democratic camp. There is plenty of irony and a good deal of wishful thinking in the remark of President Fernando Belaunde Terry of Peru, that the border conflict "must not paralyse the Andean Pact ".

Even so, the gunfire on the

Peruvian-Ecuadorean frontier is only the latest of a series of blows suffered by the pact. For the last seven months, Bolivia has found itself scorned and isolated by its four partners. Since democracy is one of the ideals of the part, the other four suspended diplomatic relations with La Paz after the military coup in July 1980 killed Bolivia's most hopeful and advanced attempt in many years to return to the democratic fold. Peru though has since

recognized the new Bolivian Another setback was the election defeat of President Carter, who had favoured and cultivated the Andean Pact as against the Southern Cone block of mil- problem threatens to grow itary dictatorships (Argentina, worse if the Caracas Govern-Chile, Uruguay and Paraguay). ment expels more "indocu-



Past statements by President Reagan and his advisers indicate that the new Administration's policy towards the South American continent will be almost a complete reversal. According to reports from Washington, United States policy will be geared to a so called "ABC Strategy" in which the key countries (as far as the State Department is con-cerned) will be Argentina, Brazil and Chile, whose governments were constantly irritated by Mr Carter's human rights

policy. In recent years Venezuela and Colombia have emerged as the strongest members and selfstyled leaders of the Andean Pact. They also won favour with Mr Carter because they were conspicuously the only two functioning democracies in South America when he took office (though the purity of Colombia's democracy and its record on human rights have

been called into question). Yet here, too, relations have suddenly become extremely strained. The two countries' failure to settle a long-standing dispute over maritime limits has added to tensions caused by Venezuela's unceremonious

recent expulsion of several Economic Community he would hundred Colombian "indocumentados" (illegal immicause in Europe. In short, he grants). Since it, is estimated that there are over a million Colombians living and working illegally in Venezuela, this

years over their common border. an area covering some 200 square kilometres of isolated jungle in the Condor mountain range, rumoured to contain oil or wanium. Last weckend fresh army commands have now egreed to meet to discuss setting up a demilitarized zone. This last clash between two of its members is only one more dispute in the many that have shaken the Andcan Paci in recent years.

mentados" in the coming months. Venezuela's Christian Democratic Government of President uis Herrera Campins has also dismayed its pact partners by its open support of the discredited Christian Democratic-military junta in El Salvador.

In 1979, during the closing stages of the Nicaraguan civil war, the pact recognized the provisional Sandinista Government then being set up in Costa Rica. It was the first time the pact had flexed its combined political muscle in international affairs, but in the more compli-

cated case of El Salvador there has been considerably less will-ingness (except by Venezuela) to get involved. Only days after the shooting started on the border between Peru and Ecuador, the pact was dealt yet another blow, the resignation of Schor Adolfo Suarez, the Spanish Prime Min-

ister. Señor Suárez had signed important commercial and cultural agreements with the Andean Pact, had attended pact summit conferences and had established good working relationships with most of the pact's presidents.

He had also promised that once Spain joined the European was widely regarded as the best friend the pact has ever had in the Old World. And nobody denies that the pact is in need of such a friend.

When President Julio Cesar

Turbay of Colombia opened the

in Bogotá recently, he claimed that a major Andean Pact-EEC trade relations agreement would have been signed last year but for the military takeover in Bolivia which damaged the pact's democratic image in the eves of Europe. Mme Simone Veil, President of the European Parliament, was present and did not contradict him.

Against all this pessimism there is a bright side, according to certain optimists who believe that the Peruvian-Ecuadorean conflict is a storm in a teacup which will soon blow

According to the same optimists, the pact may even one day be grateful to Bolivia's latest strongman, General Luis García Meza, precisely because even by the standards of that country's long line of dictators he has proved particularly ruthless, brutal, corrupt, and, above all, disastrous in managing South

America's weakest economy.

There is a conviction among such optimists that as Bolivia heads further down the road to economic ruin, liberal officers will eventually oust him and set Bolivia back on a democratic course. According to this theory, since General Meza has proved such a disaster it will then be a long time before the

The general's ability to survive has been underestimated before but it is hard to see how he can hang on much longer without United States and Andean Pact aid (both severed after the coup) and with his overtures to align Bolivia with the Southern Cone apparently

the pact has weathered previous crises most notably in 1976 when Chile quit in protest against a new rule in stipulating 51 per cent local control in all foreign company operations in pact countries. So, despite its current pro-

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### Petrol prices falling on motorways

There were hopes, when the Government announced last year that it was withdrawing from direct financial involvement in motorway service areas, that the large gap between what motorists have to pay for petrol on the motorway and off it would be substantially reduced.

The operators of motorway service areas have traditionally argued that one of the reasons having to charge higher nices for petrol was what they onsidered to be the excessive ents demanded by the Governent for the privilege of carryng on business.

It is widely accepted that etrol on the motorway should arry some premium because of he special costs incurred in dunning a service area. Petrol tations are required to stay pen 24 hours a day, which jeans taking on extra staff and aying them overtime, and besuse many service areas are in mote rural areas transport for

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But the rent paid to the Govmment is one overbead that will sappear as operators buy out ieir leases, and that should low them to reduce petrol rices. At the beginning of ovember, one leading oil company predicted that the average price of motorway petrol would fall from 147p a gailon to 134p

in three months. Perhaps that was being optimistic, for a colleague who stopped on the Rownhams service area on the M27 in Hampshire last week found himself having to pay £1.55 a gallon, or 20p to 25p more than the prevailing prices off the motorway.

There was, admittedly, a sweetener in the shape of a 60p voucher available to motorists buying six gallons. But that was not as generous a gesture as it might seem, since the voucher had to be spent in shops or cafeterias on service areas run by the Rownhams operator, Roadchef.

Elsewhere prices have come down a little, and a survey at the turn of the year found that it was possible to buy petrol on the motorway for £1.38 a gallon at a time when the average offmotorway price was about £1.30. The trend, at least, is in the right direction, although it is not a consistent one.

A welcome development is that more motorway petrol stations are posting their prices on the forecourt so that the motorist can know in advance what he is being asked to pay. Such a practice has, up to now, been very TRIE.

No motorist, of course, has to buy petrol on a motorway. Most cars can travel for 300 miles or more without the need for a fill-up and it should be possible to plan the journey so that the motorway service area does not become a desperate resort. Many drivers bear this in mind, for although motorways account for 7 per cent of traffic, their contribution to total petrol sales is only 1.7 per cent.



More speed, less fuel-the Mercedes-Benz 200

Moreover, motorway petrol sales have been declining. Between 1973 and 1977 the gallonage sold by six service areas on the M1 fell by 12 per cent: traffic, during the same period, went up slightly, while petrol sales in the United Kingdom overall increased by five per

Incidentally, the Prior committee, which was set up by the Government to look into motorway service areas and reported in 1978, concluded that the public should not have to pay more for petrol on the motorways than off them, "So long as the present situation continues, the report said, "motorists will drive off motorways on to less safe roads to buy perrol,"

The committee accepted that the requirement to stay open 24 hours a day might lead to extra cost, but it claimed that the huge gallonage sold and the special credit arrangements made with suppliers cancelled that.

### Road test:

### Mercedes-Benz 200

Everyone, apparently, is doing it and you would not expect a company with the technical expertise of Mercedes-Benz to be any exception. What they are all doing is devising ways of making engines at the same time more economical and more powerful; for a company selling only large cars this is a particularly pressing requirement.

In fact, the new Mercedes fourcylinder engines have a double purpose. They have been developed not only for the current compact" range but for the smaller model due to be launched in 1983-84, when the 2.3 and two-litre units are expected to be joined by a 1.7-litre.

Mercedes emphasizes that the engines are not revised versions the previous four-cylinder ones, but completely new designs. Apart from giving better econ-

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omy and more power, the aim was to match the smoothness of small six-cylinder units. To com-plement the engines, Mercedes has brought out a new fourspeed manual gearbox.

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The new engines, made of light alloy with overhead camshaft, are smaller, enabling both coolant and oil capacity to be reduced. That helps to give a quicker warm-up, which is one factor contributing to improved fuel economy.

On the two-litre unit a valve

in the carburettor automatically cris off the fuel when engine speed rises above 6,000 rpm.

I have been trying the base Mercedes model, 200, with its new engine, and the difference is perceptible. The previous 200 did feel underpowered at times. especially when overtaking in top gear. The same cannot be said for the present car: it is still far from being the quickest two litre on the market but performance is never less than adequate.

The new two-litre unit develops 109 bhp, compared with the previous engine's 94, which is equivalent to the output of the old 2.3-litre. (The new 2.3, which is fuel-injected, develops a spirited 136 bhp). The results are a claimed maximum speed of 104 mph (formerly 99 mph) and, more importantly, better acce-leration through the gears and

more torque. I drove the car not with the new manual box but with the four-speed torque converter automatic transmission which Mercedes is offering for the first time on the 200 model.

Mercedes claims a 0 to 60 mph acceleration time with the automatic of just over 15 seconds. which I would say is conserva-tive, and the kickdown is a potent aid to quick overtaking.

If anything, the car feels quicker than it really is, which is partly a tribute to the smoothness and quietness of the engine. cannot say I had any occasion to reach the 6,000 rpm cut-off point, but at more sensible levels the unit was impressively refined and well up to six-cylinder standard. With little wind noise, motorway cruising is a notably relaxed affair.

Mercedes is not a company given to boasting, but it could justifiably have made more noise about the improved fuel consumption of the 200. According to the official Government figures, the current model is 20 to 25 per cent more economical which is a remarkable achievement, Most drivers should get about 23 mpg in town and 25 or more on the open road.

Apart from the engine, the car continues much as before. Picking out a few of its salient characteristics, I must mention

the crisp and responsive hand-ling; this is helped by excellent (standard) power steering com-bining lightness with feel and

efficient brakes. The corollary is a ride that is firm to hard, a little chonpy over

bumps, with some tyre noise.
The seats are similarly firm, but
not uncomfortably so.
The 200 also embodies the traditional Mercedes virtues of robust construction and thorough engineering. It is a reassuringly solid and well-finished car, giving the promise of upobstrusively reliable service. At £8,700 (automatic transmission costs another £615) it may be base but it is not as was the case a few years back,

### Aids to economy

Renault is another manufacturer concerned to improve economy and to this end has devised what it calls the normalur. a combined cruise control and sped limiter—which can either lock the speed at its present level or he programmed to observe a given speed limit.

The normalus, which promotes economical driving by reducing the variations in vehicle speed and throttle opening, is fitted as standard on the too Renault model, the 30TX, and is an option on a new TX version of the 20, which goes on sale in Britain this week at £7.577 (£8.035 with automatic transmission). The 20TX has a 2.2 litre engine, de-

rived from the current two-livre. Another economy aid, fitted to the 20TL and LS models, is the econometer. Three lamps tell the driver how frugal he is performing: green means "economical", amber means "ease off the throttle" and red means " change to a higher gear ".

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# The Paisley no-surrender show



The forefinger is raised in denunciation. The voice, a stentorian bass with a hint of vibrato, rises frequently to a foghorn bellow. The argument drives towards one unvarying conclusion: No surrender.

The Rev Ian Paisley preaching to the Loyalist faithpreaching to the Loyalist fathful in Ulster. Outside the small Orange hall, draped with Union Jacks and jam-packed with his supporters, his voice, relayed by loudspeaker, reverberates round narrow, darkened streets where further crowds cluster.

The location is Newtownards, County Down, but could as well be any one of the dozen other staging posts along what Mr Paisley has termed his "Carson trail" of opposition to the Paisley has termed his "Carson trail" of opposition to the "creeping process of all-Ireland integration". The method of his campaigning against December's Anglo-Irish summit has been strongly condemned as exploiting loyalist fears and assumpting the scane for rational swamping the scope for rational debate in Ulster. That, at least, is how this latest instalment of Paisleyism has been represented outside Northern Ireland. Out on the campaign trail in Ulster, however, it appears rather different from its stero-

This, for example, does not religion. At Newtownards, as at every Paisley rally, proceedings begin with prayers, with the singing of "O God Our Help in of the elicines of Ulster will remove me from the Ulster will remove me from the Corner."

Those present have earlier thanked God, in their prayers, for Mr Paisley. One wonders

able assumption at this stage is that the principal basic industries, whose employees have the strongest industrial muscle will remain indefinitely in public ownership.

sufficient public approval to ensure that his reforms will

pace. This is almost certainly a

task for two Parliaments. But if the Conservatives finally leave office without having

brought about any significant limitation of union power, this

What of the third condi-tion? As Mr John Biffen com-mented in his remarkable tele-

great deal of the whole argu-

ment for social cohesion is in

fact trying to persuade people

the power to do these things, in fact in a civilized and

reasonably socially cohesive society they do not exercise that power". By that yardstick Britain is no longer a civilized

and reasonably cohesive society. In his book, In Place of

Fear, Aneurin Bevan recounts the story told by Robert Smillie, the miners' leader,

Smillie, the miners leader, of how Lloyd George broke

the Triple Alliance of 1919

between miners, transport workers and railwaymen by telling them that they had

vision interview on Sunday,

Commanding

public approval

Geoffrey Smith

Where will we be when the

train stops this time?

Mrs Thatcher has stubbed

her toe on the same

boulder as Mr Callaghan

subjected to the discipline of the market.

Mrs Thatcher cannot fairly be condemned for failing to find a magic solution to this problem. But she is open to substantially. The only reason-substantially.

for keeping government out of stick. Yet these events make it these industries. In fact it is a all the more necessary that he deliberate policy requiring should indeed move at that

cash limits just as easily as to Government will have failed to induce the board to concede a achieve one of its historic pur-

stranglehold they have over the rest of the country.

To expect the first of these conditions to be met would be a pious hope. The Government approach the public sections to be met would be a pious hope. The Government defiance of the government of the country, and by its very

find a magic solution to this problem. But she is open to

criticism for pretending, or rather for apparently believing, that she had found a means of

bypassing it. Cash limits are not, however, an instrument for applying the discipline of the market to the public sec-tor. They are a technique for

trying to persuade the public sector to behave as if it was subject to market forces—which is a very different thing.

The explanation is simple. The theory is that the Gov-The failure does not lie in ernment can set cash limits for

economic theory but in Britain's unique mix of economic by telling coal that it must and political conditions. We break even by 1984—and then have unusually powerful trade sit back while the board and his wisdom in proceeding only public sector and political are the unions negotiate within

This may look like a strategy

deliberate policy requiring political consent just as much as a managed incomes policy.

A union in a key public sector industry can hold the country

to ransom in order to persuade the Government to break the cash limits just as easily as to

Last week's events were,

therefore, the latest chapter in a familiar story. Mrs Thatcher has stubbed her toe on the same boulder against which Mr

Callaghan stumbled during the winter of discontent and Mr Heath fell in February, 1974— a lack of effective political

consent for their chosen econo-

mic strategy. Although this is

the latest, there is no reason to believe that it will be the last chapter in the story. Other governments will come to grief

in the future in the same way unless conditions are changed.

The size of the public sector will have to be reduced, the industrial power of the unions

will have to be cortailed, or social cohesion will have to be

restored to the point where special interest groups refrain from exploiting the potential strangiehold they have over

this framework.

high pay rise.

Ages Past", with the passing whether he might not form part round of plastic buckets for the of the grace in that God's as getting in on the act. "silent collection" (notes, not dispensation.

In performance, Mr Paisley Kojak McCusker", he scoffs. requested. Speeches, often delivered with the vocal quaver burlesque and knockabout favoured by evangelists, are barely suggested by his forays punctuated with favourite into the English headlines. His Loyalist or gospel songs, the enemies are by turns caricawords often rewritten to allude to Mr Paisley's latest exploit. Points of emphasis are greeted with cries of "Amen". Mr Paisley himself tells of remarks he has made "in the pulpit", hastily correcting it to "in

The revivalist parallel is clear, but is perhaps less strikclear, but is perhaps less striking than the identification of
God, Ulster, Protestantism and
righteousness in one unified
symbol of allegiance. To the
secular mind, this may be confused thinking, but as one
speaker declares, Ulster is
more than farmland and mountainside: it is "a people who
have a faith and who have
values that reflect that faith".
Mr Paisley, who calls the people values that reflect that faith.".

Mr Paisley, who calls the people "Ulster Scots", calls the faith Calvinism, which means, he says, that a man is immortal while he has got a job to do, "And so long as God needs me in my role neither a buller from the IRA nor poisoned chalice from the enemies of Ulster will remove me from the

success will precipitate a con-stitutional crists of the first importance. For, if a force arises in the state which is stronger than the state itself,

stronger than the state itself, then it must be ready to take on the functions of the state, or withdraw and accept the authority of the state. "Gentlemen", asked the Prime Minister quietly, "have you considered, and if you have, are you ready?" "From that moment on", said Robert Smillie, "we were beaten and we know was were."

What a difference today. Imagine Mr Arthur Scargill deciding that in the public interest he dare not use the power he had.

power he had.

There is no single way in which such a change in attitudes within a highly complex society can be reversed. It is not up to governments alone. Yet politicians help to set as well as to reflect the public mood. Social cohesion depends

upon conventions, but politi-cians of all parties have given

the impression in recent years

that in their pursuit of power they are prepared to take more

chances with the public good: that what is electorally advan-

tageous must by definition be

good politics.
Yet if politicians are not

good above their own advan-tage they will not find it easy to persuade others to do like-

wise. If they pursue power with

out sufficient restraint they will find that when they get it

there is not much to exercise.

THE STATE OF THE PARTY OF MEETING

Have this one on - hell,

what's the name of our

latest proprietor?5

also displays a penchant for burlesque and knockabout rured, impersonated or pejoratively nicknamed: the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland thus becomes "Humpty-Dumpty Atkins while the Irish Prime Minister is invariably Mr "Charlie is my darling" Haughey, a reference to his rapprochement with Mrs Thatcher. It may not be subtle. but it is carried off with such unabashed showmanship and evident enjoyment that it seldom fails to delight his audience, not least journalists

prepared to criticize.

Last week it was the turn of two Official Unionist MPs, Mr James Molyneaux and Mr Harold McCusker, who had joined in the controversy about joined in the controversy about Army security on the night Sir Norman Stronge, the former Stormont Speaker, and his son James, were killed in Armagh. Mr Paisley's attack on Mr Arkins as a liar over this led to his suspension from the Commons. Now the two MPs were appealing for "accurate" information and seeking a meeting with Mr Philip Goodhart, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Defence.

from Dublin who have come

Then his face assumes a beatific expression, he wrings his hands together and in hesitant and deferential tones addresses an invisible minister. "Philip," he says, "We want an assur-ance." The shoulders are hunched and vulturous, the

voice a querulous falsetto. In case his audience misses the implication, Mr Paisley cuts off the laughter with an abrupt shift in mood. "What sort of assurance can change the murders that have taken place," he suddenly thunders. "I am sick of assurances from the liars that sit on the front-bench

Here, as elsewhere, the appeal is not so much to lovalism as to a recognizable Ulster variant of both the provincial resentment of the metropolitan for its assumed superiority and also the populism which distrusts a distant, effete and somewhat alien Government, The Ulsterman who "collaborates", the message runs, is guilty at best of feebleness, at worst of

It is a reaction based at least partly on race. "If the Euglish ministers think they are going to give up Ulster into the hands of the Republic," he declares, "they have another think com-

ing." And he earns one of the loudest cheers of the evening when he describes how "elated" he feels at having had the privilege "in your name of calling Mr Atkins a liar.

Seen from the perspective of grassroots Loyalism, the last decade in Ulster may appear a long series of concessions. Politically this has led to a feeling in some quarters that there may be more ways of delivering up Ulster to the Republic than by abandoning the constitutionel guarantee to the majority population. Psychologically it has created a certain bruised resentment, a description of being an approximation of the second of the second

detectable feeling of being an outcast within the United Kingwithout quite knowing

why.
Mr Paisley, describing himself as "Mr Ulster" and introduced to his audiences as "Ulster's only politician of international standing and repute", stands those feelings on their head, assisted by the demonstration of trieb history. In demonology of Irish history, In view of his own "collabora-tion" in the devolution talks last year, he does so at some risk to a reputation for consistrisk to a reputation for consistency. But whatever his motive, and there is good reason to doubt that it is exclusively electoral, his current series of rallies show that the forces to which he appeals are considerably more complex than the label of "loyalism" suggests.

ber is sometimes augmented by less orthodox worshippers. Asked whether the Syrian president or his ministers had ever visited El-Ferenie, Mr. Totah replied in Arabic, and the government interpreter—a genuinely helpful and very intelligent was a series of the contract of t intelligent woman—translated him thus: "Sometimes people

Kingdom companies.

He has an obsession with The Grand Design and pursues it on the basis of hunches, keeping no diary and seldom working out the "how" of a deal until after the "why".

"I have an instinct, a deep animal instinct for the chemistry of people," he said, and that fierce personalization of busi-

# The Rowland faithful

courtoversial businessman of his generation operating in Britain.

His ineriors

His instinctive and intensely personal approach to business has led to prolonged legal and political causes célèbres, spectacular and often brilliant deals and, most memorably of all, it inspired the remark from Prime Minister Edward Heath which Minister Edward Heath which described Lourho as "the unleasant and unacceptable face of capitalism ".

or capitalism.

Born 63 years ago in India of an English mother and a German father, his career began with his uncle's shipping

company in London.
Throughout the Sixties Mr.
Rowland led Lonrho through a three stage expansion pro-grams based on Rhodesia until UDI in 1965, then into neigh-

UDI in 1965, then into neighbouring countries and into South Africa until the liquidity crisis which precipitated the "Lonrho Affair" in 1971.

Two qualities characterized the expansion: first its success, by 1970 Lonrho's pretax profits were £14.6m compared to £160.000 in 1961, and secondly its diversity, Mr Rowland operated by deals rather than by business sectors.

With the exception of the Congo from which Lonrho was ejected—Mr Rowland showed spectacular flair in his business

spectacular flair in his business involvements with black African countries. It was a flair based on close personal involve-ment as later manifested by the backing of the Zambian Government during the attempt to oust him from the Lourho board in 1973 and his support and friendship with Mr Joshua Nkomo in the year that led up to the formation

of Zimbabwe. The events of the seventies in which Lonrho became embroiled in allegations and counter-allegations about the breaking of Rhodesian sanctions, rows about the ethics of

its attitude to shareholders, deeply damaged the relationbetween the company and the City. Apart from a flurry of support during 1975 the major investing institutions have steered clear of the

shares.
Yet his headlong United Kingdom acquisition programme pursued during those years has been backed throughout by a substantial band of loyal shareholders. They backed Mr Rowland during the boardroom battle in 1973 and in numerous skirmishers are to the programment of the p Lonrho's annual meetings are invariably packed and invari-ably include a series of speeches professing faith in Mr Rowland from several small shareholders.

In many respects this division between small sharehold-ers and institutions is the key to the public way in which Mr

Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland, Rowland's deals are conducted. Fleet Street's newest proprietor, is probably the most famous and certainly the most but in front of packed meetings of the faithful

of the faithful.

This faith has much to do with the excitement he generates, a quality nor prized by the City institutions. Lonrho's aim is simple — "to expand, diversify and acquire" — and it is always spectacular — Mr Rowland wants it to be one of the five largest non-oil United Kingdom companies.

fierce personalization of business has led to a series of variably successful partnerships with the ruling family of Kuwair, Mr Angus Ogilvy, Sir James Goldsmith, Mr Daniel K. Judwig guaracedly the richest Ludwig, supposedly the richest very difficult to convince the man in the world and Sir Hugh City."

by all accounts, his family represents the only serious challenge to his obsession with Lonrho.

Lonrbo.
That obsession has now led him into the position where he is attempting to buy simultaneously Britain's most famous retail group the House of Fraser, and one of its oldest newspapers. It represents an almost operatic climax to the British acquisition drive of the Seventies inspired by his sudden conversion to the quality of United Kingdom assets.

Bryan Appleyard

### Can London carry two evenings?

The trouble with monopolies is that, whatever the circumstance of their creation, their very existence does seem to contravene some unwritten law of

Logic alone ought to dictate that London, the eleventh most populous capital in the world with some 7,000,000 relatively affluent residents, should be able to support two evening newspapers. Thirty years ago, it had three, with a combined circulation of nearly 4,000,000

Since the closure of the Evening News last October, the capital has been served by one, the uneasy hybrid New Standard selling a little under

650,000 copies a day.

The speed of Lonrho's takeover of The Observer may have
come as something of a shock, but its plans to reintroduce an element of competition into the London evening newspaper market have been in existence for some months, since shortly after the demise of the Even-

ing News. The pressing question facing Lourho is: what does it possess that Associated Newspapers, which lost £35m on the Evening News in the six years up to its closure, did not?

The paper envisaged by Lourho would have a circulation of around 250,000 in central London and the inner suburbs. The Obscruer's presses, which are now idle for six days of the week, could handle the necessary capacity. If Lonrho acts quickly enough, the man-

ning agreements necessary for the new publication could absorb some of those print workers who might have expected redundancy if the company simply continued to publish one

The old Standard, which had something of an upmarket image, has mixed with the more popular style of the Evening News with some difficulty. Many Standard staff, who opposed the appointment of Evening News editor Mr Louis Kirby to the editorship of the new paper, remain dissatisfied with the product which, in the main, resembles the old Standard with inserts from the Evening News.

Lonrho may find itself able to put a London evening on to the streets for a fraction of the production costs which sank the Evening News. Its opposition may have yet to find its direction; there are still 130,000 readers of the Evening News who have not been picked up by the New Standard.

But will it all be enough? Logic may demand that Lon-don ought to be able to support two evening newspapers, but if a newcomer fell short on advertising it could only turn to its cover price to restore the financial balance. And if there was one common lesson which both the Evening News and the Evening Standard learnt in their years of competition, it was that every time the cover price rose, their sales fell, never

David Hewson

# Syria's Jewish paradox vascus Velim Tr Damascus Mr Selim Totah stepped nimbly across the puddles of the little

alleyway and led us across a bright, airy courtyard strung with thin vines. There was a building on one side, a blue-painted structure with windows that looked for all the world like an ordinary home until Mr Totah gently pushed open tur

The heavily carpeted floor of the little Damascus synagogue came as something of a shock. Light poured down from an ornate iron chandelier and Arab rugs hung around the walls, each bearing a Hebrew inscription; the curtain at the far end was pulled aside to reveal the Torah.

A man stepped forward and opened the small silver doors. disclosing the old Hebrew text inside. The light tumbled and glanced off the silver as we all glanced off the silver as we all stood on the carpets, Mr Totah, the president of the Syraq Jewish Community Council, Mr Ibrahim Hamra, the Chief Rabbi, a local Jewish schoolteacher, the official Syrian Government interpreter and a Syrian ministry driver, a darkhaired Kurd who stood nearer to the door of the synagogue, stunned perhaps that such an stunned perhaps that such an institution should exist in the capital city of Israel's most formidable enemy.

formidable enemy.

Mr Hamra stood with his yarmulke skullcap on his head.

"The Torah is 200 years old", he said, as an elderly Jew moved forward and wound the dark scroll of parchment. Between fifty and sixty Jews attend the El-Ferenje synagogue every day although their number is sometimes augmented by

him thus: "Sometimes people come to this synagogue but not as officials." But what Mr. Totah actually said in Arabic was: "Sometimes the security police come to this synagogue, but not officially."

The Syrian "Muhabarat" plain clothes police also visit the Damascus mosques in

the Damascus mosques in search of the Muslim Brother-hood although there is no doubt that their interest in Syria's 5,000-strong Jewish community is prompted by other considerations. Israel is not a subject which one is encouraged to dis-cuss with the Jews in Syria. A quarter of a mile from the A quarter of a mile from the synagogue is a large, well-run Jewish school, teaching 500 children, including 125 girls. Most of the 25 teachers are Jews. The school has two directors: Mr Hamra, the Chief Rabbi, and Mr Elias Dhadel, a Syrian Ministry of Education official who is a Christian and a member of the ruling Baath. Darty.

party.
Jewish children speak Arabic
as their first language in Syria

and their classes are identical to those in all Syrian schools. But the children here are also taught Hebrew History lessons—particularly modern bistory—present greater

problems. What, for instance,

did Mr Hamra and Mr Totah

tell Jewish children about Israel, "In our Hebrew classes". Mr Totah said slowly, "we teach prayers. We teach religious history and we teach all about the prophets. This has a nothing to do with politics." But Mr Dhadel, the ministry director, wanted to expand on this. "We deal with the question of Palestine in 'national bistory' and 'history' lessons. When we speak about Israel, we differentiate a great deal is between religion and politics. We know-and everybody knows —that the Jewish religion is not connected with Zionism as a political movement. Even Yassir Atafat in the United

Yassir Arafat in the United
Nations said there are Arab
Jews living in Israel."
Israelis often claim that
Syrian Jews are held as political
hostages in their home cities of
Damascus, Aleppo and Kimishli.
Mr Totah denied this. When
I told him that many Israelis
were concerned for the wellbeing of Syrian lews and being of Syrian Jews and on he believed they were mistreated. Mr Totab replied: "I thank the line lews who ask about our affairs, because the level of the lev because they care about us. I pray day and night to have peace in this part of the world to enable us to live together." Robert Fisk

### **MOSCOW DIARY**

late in the evening, but I really do need that flat", she said. "Can we meet to discuss the exchange? My wife was baffled. "You

Living in Britain throughout the postwar years has been rather like travelling on a train that goes round and round on the same circuitous

route. Sometimes we get off at a station marked "statutory incomes policy". On another occasion we halt at one with signs reading "voluntary, pay restraint" and "social contract". Or we alight with outskeped exceptains at the

quickened expectation at one entitled "money supply" and

But it makes no difference.

No matter bow alluring the platform may look, it does not offer a comfortable resting place for long. Or as Lord Thorneycroft put it graphically the other week: "I have been

many years in politics and I have tried, or seen tried,

almost every known solution

and none of them really work". Now Mrs Thatcher, like Mr Heath before her,

public sector, and a weakness

in political authority and social

cohesion. Governments have little difficulty in getting their

policies through Parliament, but they can be powerless to get those policies implemented

They cannot secure the polit-

ical consent necessary to pre-vent trade unions in sensitive

public industries from exercis-

ing their capacity for black-mail. The unions know that the

disciplines of the market do not apply to them, that their industries cannot go bankrupt,

that more money may always be extracted from the Exche-

quer—and there are not the social inhibitions that there used to be about applying that

So long as these conditions

obtain, no economic policy is

likely to be successful for very long, whether it is incomes

policy, monetarism, cash limits or whatever. Market forces may operate effectively in the

private sector; they are doing so at the moment to bring in-flation down quite sharply— though there is no sign that ministers have any idea how to keep wage inflation in control

once the recession is over. But

m practice.

Capacity

for blackmail

must know what he meant.

cash limits".

must have the wrong phone number. We've not got a flat to exchange." The woman got rather heated. "Then why did you put an advertisement in the Bulletin if you don't want to she had phoned a foreigner's change deals. house she was abjectly apolagetic: it was indeed the wrong number.

She was not the only one last weck. I had four inquiries, at various times of the day, about our desirable residence—our desirable residence—though from the collected desirable and the collected desir our desirable residence—
though from the callers's description it was rather different from what they had read about.

Separating from your parents or getting divorced, you need to swap your flat for two others from what they had read about. Clearly, somehow, our phone number had been mistakenly printed in the magic list.

of Living Quarters is a weekly put out by a local Moscow paper that is filled with pages put out by a local Moscow town, but the other depends on paper that is filled with pages the present inhabitant moving and pages of small ads. Its into the bigger flat or someone 25,000 copies are snapped up who is leaving Moscow alto-

"I'm sorry to bother you so immediately. Muscovites seem to move house with bewildering frequency, but since virtually the city's housing is built and owned by the state, can do so only by finding someone to swap with.

Housing is still in short supply and there is no pool of empty flats, and nowadays everyone wants a bigger and better place and is looking to swap? It certainly gave this improve his lot by zigzagging number." But on hearing that upwards through various ex-

The exchange can be an exceptionally complicated business. If you just want another flat the same size in a different couple who are getting married or an old widow who is going to live with her children Or The Bulletin for the exchange you could find one flat for yourself in the right part of

gether. And that person going to Baku is meanwhile engaged in a separate long-distance arrangement with a young engineer who has been posted to Moscow with his large family and needs a home.

Thus you get a great chain of people whose exchange all depends on their all moving together at the same time. And if one drops out, or one set of potential divorcees make it up with each other, the whole deal is off and you have to start

So you go back to the Bulle-tin. The key to everything is the floor space. All Soviet flats are measured by the number of square metres of living area, not counting kitchen, bathroom and passage, and every Muscovite knows exactly what he can expect if he is told a flar is 22 or 46 metres. No one can expect to ex-change a large flat of 40 metres for two of 35—that

would clearly not be fair. But

tion (as opposed to brick, which Russians believe to be warmer slums. and more solid), or is on either the ground or top floor. Ground floors are unpopular because of the noise, dirt and cold from the street and the greater likelihood of being robbed. The top floor is unpopular because invariably the roof leaks, or the lift breaks down, and you can complain till you are blue in the face to your local "kommandant"official responsible for each block—and then probably to the city council, but you will be lucky if you can get anything done.

Then of course there is the important question of whether you want a communal or selfcontained flat. During the harsh days after the war when almost everyone lived in communal flats, sharing kitchens and bathrooms, and often whole families were cooped up in one room, Khrushchev launched a crash housing programme which at least allieviated the misery of

But for the past 15 years the Russians have made housing an urgent priority, and have been building round the clock to ring Moscow and other main cities with acres of tower blocks and new flats. Standards have been raised considerably, and nowa-days 80 per cent of the urban population lives in self-con-tained flats. This year alone some 10,000,000 people are due to move into new or improved apartments. The government has set a new target of 13 square metres of living space

erated quickly into virtual

But still communal apartments are common in Moscow, especially for the young, the unmarried or old people living alone. Muscovites complain, especially when one of neighbours is a drunkard, but older people often recall the days of communal living nostal-gically, lamenting the loss of such fellowship.

per person.

Once you have agreed on your swap, you have to go along overcrowding, but so many to the local hureau of the very cramped flats were put up municipal housing authority and so rapidly that most degen-register it all. This is most

important: without a legal tenancy you cannot prove you are a Moscow resident and may lose your permission to live in the capital. Moscow is a closed city, because otherwise half Russia would immigrate here. and you cannot come in from the provinces to settle without specific permission. Of course, you can arrange a marriage with a Muscovite-for a not

inconsiderable fee get your flat and resident permit and then get divorced, keeping your resident permit. It is a thriving business for Muscovites, as well as for the divorce courts. The local housing offices accept notices for inclusion in the Bulletin and do all the

paperwork. There are also unofficial places where you can find ads for flats pasted up on the nearby trees and walls, and places where you can meet people involved in complicated exchange chains. In fact if you are walking near such an office, you're quite likely to be accosted and asked if you have a flat to offer. The bureau will belp you by

wanting to move. You have to be honest with your prospective exchange partners: if you keep quiet about the drunken neighbour, the new tenant can complain to the bureau within the space of six months, and the whole deal can be annulied, with everyone going back to where they were. Sub-letting is allowed, but

not for a profit, though every-one makes money on this. Rents are extremely cheap in the Soviet Union, not having risen since 1928, and so if you are registered in a choice district you can move out and charge your illegal tenants a fortune. Asking for "key money" for good flats is also a quick and wholly unofficial way of making several hundred roubles.

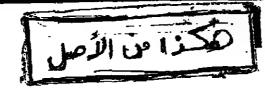
If you have nothing to swap down on the waiting list for a flat, and that can mean several years' wait. If you are rich you can buy a private cooperativewhich are generally better built but cost many thousands of offering consultations, and you roubles. And if you are exceptell them your reasons for tionally privileged—or a simple

peasant-you can live in a private dacha, a roughly built wooden house on its own plot of land, many of which remain within commuting distance of the city.

Once you are in your new home, you usually have to start on the repairs, though in theory the previous tenant should pay. for any renovation. Changing the wallpaper seems to be at automatic reflex, though Pravdi was complaining recently that there is none to be had in an of the shops nowadays. Then there are the special fitment. Nothing is more chic than foreign made lavatory, but it i rather a job to take it with you Vladimir Voinovich, the sat

Vladimir Voinovica, the em to have rical writer who has just em to have a fine in this in the state of the st grated, made fun of this i The Ivankiad. And Yui Trifonov, one of the best col temporary writers, has a su cessful play running in Mosco called The Exchange, Still least you don't get gazumped i Moscow. And you can alway move out again if you don

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### STAND OR FALL

First the miners, then the water workers, next the civil servants, when members of the Civil Sertice unions were voting in recent meeks on whether to take indus-trial action over their pay claim, their prospective adversary appeared confident and rigidly embattled. Now the Government appears vulnerable, humiliated. forced to a compromise twice runing. The leaders of the uning were correspondingly full of assurance at the meeting yesterday where plans for action beginning next month were approved. They can pick and hoose which to disrupt of the nany strategic points in the archinery of administration that re under their control. The esults of the ballots and branch teetings up and down the puntry show that they enjoy ibstantial support among their illowers — even the highly autious First Division Associaon has joined the campaign.

It is doubtful whether the pubc widely sympathizes with this sidently real sense of grievance. recent pay awards, job security and pension prospects are taken to account, civil servants may ell be felt to be enviably wellf already. The pay research stem, the abolition of which in the Government they keenly sent, would almost certainly we given them a rise in earngs far above the rate prevailing this moment among other

workers. The 7 per cent offer now before them is somewhat below that rate, but better than what many have settled for in the private sector, where fear for one's job is a relevant factor in negotiations. As for the Government's plan to reduce the size of the service over the years, that has had only minor effects in practice, and would in any case be applauded by most people outside the bureaucracy

Lord Soames has already promised talks about the form of pay bargaining in future. It would be politically impossible to revive anything closely similar to the abandoned system. There are advantages in a formal arrangement for assessing pay, so long as it does not exclude current factors, and gives due weight to the broad truth that a salary is high enough if it is attracting sufficient applicants of sufficient quality. There is room for further reassurance here.

It is clear that extended industrial action could quickly become both inconvenient and expensive for the Government, causing chaos that might take months to clear up. It could also affect the distribution of welfare benefits. If it did, or if national and international defence arrangements were threatened in the pursuit then its of this sectional claim, as seems to seem possible, the civil servants could letter.

do rapid and lasting harm to their standing in the eyes of the public. They stand in a special position of trust, and the public will not take its abuse lightly.

Partly for the avoidance of unpopularity, striking is to take a variety of partial forms. The Government has prepared equally elaborate countermeasures to reduce its effects. The outcome is therefore particularly hard to foresee. But the case differs from those of the miners and the water workers in several important ways. The strike is not against a threat to the employment of any of those taking it, nor does it involve any direct threat to public health or safety. The employer is the Government itself, not a public sector undertaking with the Government in the background holding the purse-strings. The Civil Service is directly subject to formal cash limits, and other groups in the same position are waiting to follow its lead. The need to control public spending is as great as ever, and is central to the Government's strategy. It can, if it must, borrow to offset a shortfall even of many millions in tax and excise receipts. But unless it strenuously attempts to stand by its policies against the assaults of the civil servants, then its whole strategy will come to seem little more than a dead

### ... WOOP ON 'THE OBSERVER'

nds is a warning written on e face of Fleer Street. After e dramas of the past few inths no one, manager, journat, printer, reader, can fail to ; it: the disappearance of the ndon Evening News into the w Standard, the change of nership of The Times and nday Times, and now the eement to transfer The server from Atlantic Richfield Outrams, a part of the Lonrho oup. The wonder is that as one :00n / philanthropist / multitional/martyr retires burt other, with fresher hopes and rner intentions, steps forward. The latest change, if it receives e necessary approval, is welne in so far as it gives The server another lease of life. It the oldest of the Sunday pers. J. L. Garvin made it the -st influential in his day. It whas an intellectual force, a

1at newspapers in chronic it one of the best and least. ficit may expect to go under expendable of British newsif they are lucky, change papers. The change is also welto execute his declared ambition of starting another London evening paper. The new monopoly in that market is not healthy, and the sooner it is challenged the better, Mr Row-land's takeover, hard on the heels of Mr Murdoch's, also betokens sharper competition among the qualities. That is no bad thing provided the form it takes is competition in quality as the means to success.

There are less encouraging features of the deal. The secrecy, the complete absence of notice or consultation with the staff of the newspaper, or even with its board of directors, betrays an attitude more appropriate to the conveyance of a property with vacant possession than the purchase of a newspaper. It was a humiliation for the staff. Nor can they have been encouraged by the contradictory and in some stances offensive comments interest that combine to make issuing from the Lonrho side in injury.

the late hours after the news broke. Reassurance began yesterday, but the new owners have made it a more difficult process than it need have been.

A deeper source of anxiety is the possibility of conflict between Lonrho's business interests and The Observer's journalistic activity and editorial judgment. Lonrho is an international conglomerate of a structure difficult to bring into focus, extensive trading interests, and an appetite for takeovers. Proprietor and newspaper both have longstanding interests in Africa, but their interests do not necessarily coincide. Lonrho's is commercial penetration, The Observer's is to open to public inspection the condition and affairs of that continent and to pass political judgment related to a characteristic moral position. Nor is it only in Africa that the now to be joined commercial and editorial courses may collide. It will take proprietorial restraint and editorial courage to prevent

### I IS FOR THE SELECTORS TO SELECT

nust be hoped that the Guyana does not abridge the freedom of horities will find a way to ept the right of the British ectors to include Robin kman in the England side. But they do not then the Cricket uncil will have no option but cancel the Test, even though kman is not likely to play. ey will then have to ascertain ether the same attitude prels in Barbados where the Disequent Test is due, and if it es, they will have to cancel match there. This will ount to cancelling the rest of tour, for almost certainly itigua and Jamaica will feel apelled to stand by the Guyana ision, and indeed Jamaica ims to have done something to se upon Guyana the need to ike an example of Mr Jackman account of his South African anexions. This would be an happy end for a tour that has ne badly for England but oversely is keenly looked forrd to by the rest of the West dies. It will be a serious blow the future of international icket and may mar Common-

alth harmony. The British position has been ited before and it was right for r Hector Monro to restate it sterday, for it needs to be iderstood by West Indians and ricans who oppose it from elings which must be respected.
le Commonwealth Gleneagles teement on sport and apartheid

the selectors who choose any team of sportsmen to represent Britain in international events: of this basic principle cricket is only a particular case. At Gleneagles in 1977 the govern-ments committed themselves to discourage their nationals and sporting bodies from playing South African teams as long as apartheid in sport is practised there. But it was recognized that such commitments would be differently interpreted under different systems of law. Coun-tries with all-powerful governments can (and do) make it illegal for their sportsmen to have contacts with South Africa. This is not possible for countries where individual liberty is prized as the first article of democracy; neither British public opinion nor Parliament would tolerate a Bill making it illegal for British citizens to participate in sport in South Africa, Russia or any other country. That is a fact -more easily understood in the West Indies indeed than in

The British government has repeatedly sought to discourage British sports bodies from play-ing in South Africa, and not without success at times. But what eventually brought about the cessation of Test cricket with South Africa was the rejection of Basil d'Oliveira as a member of the English side by Mr Vorster in 1969. The (then)

MCC wobbled, but eventually set the rule that it would not be interfered with. Those events have a direct bearing now, and they should, if read correctly, enable President Burnham to reject, not emulate, the Vorster

Many British sportsmen, after consulting their consciences, do decide that it is licit for them to participate in South African games. Several of the England side now in Guyana have exercised their rights as British citizens to ignore their govern-ment's advice and play in South Africa. Guyana accepted them. It is for the West Indian authorities to explain how one degree of contact with South African sport is more or less heinous than another. They need to remember that Britain is a very heterogenous country nowadays: it is multiracial, but also every part and strand of the "old empire" is represented in the composition of its nationals, South Africa included. We are not ready to have anyone dis-

criminated against-anyone. If British principles cannot be reconciled with West Indian priorities on this issue then, on occasion, international cricker will not be possible. Everyone will have to accept such casualties as the product of politics becoming so entangled with sport. On the issue of personal liberty Britain cannot give way.

### ading industrial films om Mr Thomas Dalby

The letters by the Chairman Technicolor Ltd (February 10) Mr. John Wall (February 13) ess the impermanence of colour certain cinematic film, and Mr tifield, of Technicolor Ltd des-bes ways and means by which original negatives may be pro-ned by producing three strip ver separation masters. It needs to be stressed, also, that a vast majority of industrial films

oduced today are in colour and oducers of these films may not ways realize that industrial films often the only source of archi-material which future generams of archivists may have when searching into applications of frent industrial and scientific ocesses. If the preservation tech-ques recommended are not adop-the faded images they will find company archives will not be equate for study and analysis.

Some years ago, when researching to the history of industrial film the Business Archives Council, found examples from the early Its of the century which, because their nitrate base, were too title for projection, but the black d white image was sufficiently od for transfer to modern stock d study by industrial historians. these films had been made on e colour material available to the modern film maker, the images would have faded and been beyond

recall. Much of today's industrial record is preserved on colour film: it is to be hoped that the wise and prac-nical advice offered by Mr Dutfield and Mr Wall will be accepted and acted upon so that the images will be truly preserved for future gene-rations of social and industrial researchers. Yours faithfully,

T. DALBY, 4 Westbourne Park, Scarborough, North Yorkshire. February 18.

### Rich but troubled waters From Mr H. David Toulson

Sir, With reference to the feature in The Times (February 23) "The oil that hasn't helped to calm the Falk-

lands."

If Britain were to lose these islands, it would not only be the Falklands that would be lost, but also South Georgia, Black Shag and Cleree Rocks, the South Sandwich group of islands and the British

Antarctic Territory.
Without a 200-mile limit placed around those islands, Britain, would not only lose the oil potential, but also some of the richest fishing grounds in the world.

Before it is too late HM Government must be strong and rerain and defend what is British from military dictatorship. Yours faithfully,

H. DAVID TOULSON, Member of the South

### Revolution in employment From Mr J. D. Richard.

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Sir, What are the "leisure bours following early retirement" referred to by Sir Philip Rogers (February 21)? Every retired man I know is busier than he has ever been. Does the man exist who has done all the "little jobs" in his house and garden (and the old lady's next door), answered all his letters, cleaned his car or bicycle to his satisfaction, practised cookery enough to give his wife, for whom there is no retirement, the odd day off—and still has time on his off-and still has time on his hands? If so, let him sit down and write a book to tell the rest of us, who long to find time for hobbies, how it is managed i Yours faithfully, J. D. RICHARD,

Cavendish Road,

Henleaze, Bristol.

### Atlantic Fisheries Committee, 14 Iles Lane, Knaresborough, Yorkshire.

while musicians only talked about money.

No wonder, when the composer is called upon to subsidize everything from the first few years of the now highly profitable commercial radio stations, to charitable functions and church services. Now Joan Bulmer-Thomas (February 21) wants composers and others to subsidize the cost of music in schools.

Why pick again on the poor com-

Why pick again on the poor com-posers, 80 per cent of whom earn less than £250 per annum from the Performing Right Society? Why not call upon those who, equally innocently, supply schools with the

Yours sincerely. TREVOR LYTTLETON,

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Debate on economic Helping the people of El Salvador priorities

From Mr Peter Hordern, MP for Horsham and Crawley (Conservative) Horsham and Crawley (Conservative)
Sir, Mr Charles Morrison and those other friends and colleagues of mine who wrote to you (February 25) seem to me to have described very well how the Government has reversed its policy towards the nationalized industries. Indeed the sum of money that was supposed to be given, or lent, to them is now more than twice as much as was intended less than a year ago. And I think that the plight of manufacturing industry is even worse than they suggest; for if a surplus on our balance of payments can be secured, even with sterling as high as it is, it is only because our growing North Sea oil steadily reduces the need to export our manugrowing North Sea oil steadily reduces the need to export our manufactured goods to the same extent. This has the most profound implications for industry and for employment, which I do not think are yet appreciated.

So I yield nothing to the in-

yet appreciated.
So I yield nothing to them in recognizing how serious is the future. I see they want more money for industry, lower interest rates, and a lower rate of exchange. But I see no suggestion as to how the money should be provided; indeed, only that increases in direct taxa-tion should be ruled out, So I can only conclude that for them, at least, money does not matter. I should have thought that our experience in 1972 and 1973, when

experience in 1972 and 1973, when the Government printed money as never before or since, and the subsequent explosion in prices and property speculation, and the collapse of fringe banks, was not one to forget. It certainly did industry no good then, and I cannot believe it would help now.

Of course, interest rates should be reduced, but only if accompanied by a reduction in the panied by a reduction in the amount the Government needs to amount the Government needs to borrow. When I see that, since the Government came to office, the National Health Service has recruited an extra 25,000 people, that the cost of wages and salaries in the NHS alone will have risen by E980m, that is by 23 per cent in one year by this April, that the local authorities in England and Wales increased their wages by £1,830m, that is by 18.4 per cent, that the Civil Service was paid an extra £900m, that is 24.5 per cent more, all in one year, I do not sccept that there is not considerable scope for reducing the Government's current expenditure and for removing part, at least, of the intolerable burden that has been placed on industry and the country. placed on industry and the country. I trust we shall not see higher inflation following higher unem-ployment, but that is the risk, if the Government prints too much money, and unless it brings its own

expenditure under control. Yours faithfully, PETER HORDERN. House of Commons. February 25.

### From Mr L. David Sir, We have about 2.4 million unemployed, at £3.200 per annum each costing about £7,680m. We also have unutilized steel, coment, mach-inery, etc. production capacity.

Of greatest economic use to us and future generations would be electrification of our railways, a Channel tunnel, a tunnel linking Euston/King's Cross with Victoria/Waterloo, Immediate start on these projects appears to be indicated. Yours sincerely,

L. DAVID, Brirish Unicorn Ltd. 36-38 Southampton Street, WC2. February 25.

### Natural selection

From Mr H. G. Beindorf and Mr D. E. Loukidelis Sir, A recent edition (February 16)

Sir, A recent edition (February 16) of your newspaper contained a report on Professor Randolph Quirk's arguments at the University of London for the suitability of English as a world language. While we do not seek to deny that English is a language richly endowed with literary masterpieces, it would seem that the population of English is that the popularity of English is indeed a result rather of successive British and American domination of international affairs than a manifestation of global reverence for English literary genius.

English literary genius.

May we suggest also that there are linguistic reasons which, coupled with the above historical realizies, may account for the currency of English as an international language. Simply put, English owes its position less to "native speakers of inventive genius" than to the simplicity of both its inflexional system and (core) lexicon.

Finally, if the wish is often father to the thought, we would hope that statistics which would confirm "the most obvious superlatives" of English were not the result of scholarly endeavour undertaken to confirm a preconceived notion.

preconceived notion. Yours truly, H. GUSTAV BEINDORF. DAVID E. LOUKIDELIS, Bruderhofstrasse 7/3, 8000 München 70, West Germany.

### Music in schools From Mr Trevor Lyttleton

Sir. I believe it was Sibelius who said that he preferred the company of businessmen to that of musicians, because businessmen talked about beautiful things like art and music, while musicians only talked about

photocopiers, stationery, electricity and other aids to helping them selves to composers' works for nothing, to subsidize school music instead?

Savile Club, 69 Brook Street, W.1.

From Dr David Browning

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Sir, One of the tragedies of countries such as El Salvador is that, as they become the object of concerned international public opinion only when they become the focus of international power politics, in-formed discussion and understand-ing of their problems become lost in the polemics of cold war cliches and propaganda. Mr Clarridge's letter to you of February 24 appears to be a good example of this

letter to you of February 24 appears to be a good example of this. For centuries the majority of people in El Salvador have suffered from poverty and injustice. One hundred years ago, in the interests of the commercial cultivation of coffee, these people had their land, the vital basis of their economy and society, confiscated and pransferred to the ownership and for the excluto the ownership and for the exclu elite. A direct result was the dis-integration of rural society and the emergence of a landless, migrant and exploited peasantry. Subse-quently the degree of poverty became obscene and the injustice intolerable. Rebellion was inevitable

intolerable. Rebellion was inevitable and the 1932 uprising was suppressed with inexcusable ferocity. Western powers (blame should not be attached exclusively to the United States), though having the power and ability to oblige successive administrations to rectify this situation, have failed to do so. On the contrary, they have supported the status quo by military aid and through economic aid too often have encouraged local economic policies. encouraged local economic policies which have been inappropriate and irrelevant. Nor has the Church in El Salvador been blameless: until recently it remained silent and

Those groups within El Salvador who worked for essential internal reforms—and the present President of El Salvador was one of them-received totally insufficient support. Consequently the middle ground has been eroded to the present point where forces of the extreme right confront those of the extreme left; with each receiving support from their external sponsors. Victory by their external sponsors. Victory by either extreme is unlikely to bring much benefit to the people of El Salvador. Amnesty International and The Sunday Times recently have documented the inhuman tactics of repression by terror which appears to be the only policy of the extrems right. Nor does the experience of those Third World countries now under communist countries now under communist rule make one confident that a communist regime in El Salvador would be any less repressive: in would be any less repressive: an neighbouring Nicaragua, where a skilfully managed communist revolution is in process, one already sees the introduction of those instruments of political repression that are such a constant feature of

communist rule.

The immediate crisis of El Salvador will be resolved within the context of United States strategic

American isthmus and the Central American isthmus and the desire of the Soviet Union to extend its power and influence in the Caribbean region. In these circumstances it is difficult to be sanguine about Mr Clarridge's prediction that "the victory of Salvadoreans is certain". victory of Salvadoreans is certain ". Perhaps, however, it is not unrealistic to hope that out of the present sufferings in El Salvador there will at last emerge a stronger and more selfless response by Western powers, preferably in close cooperation with Mexico and Venezuela, to the needs and aspirations of the people throughout Central America.

interests regarding the Central

Yours faithfully, DAVID BROWNING, St Cross College, Oxford. February 25.

From Mr K. R. G. Smith

Sir, My wife and I have followed with considerable interest the reporting of events in El Salvador on television in this country.

We spent three and a half years in El Salvador until the end of 1974 and knew that events such as these and knew that events such as those shown would happen sooner or later. We were involved with the Episcopal Church in helping small aid projects and a medical dispensary

whilst there.

During our time there an election was held in which the right wing candidate. Colonel Molina, was elected President despite the probable victory of a "left wing" politician, Napoleon Duarte. There followed a coup d'état in which the incumbent President, Sanchez Hernandez, was captured after a takeover by the army. This subsequently collapsed as soon as Napoleon Duarte had come on the radio to appeal for calm and to support the rebellion. The Guardia Nacional returned, President Sanchez Hernandez was whilst there. President Sanchez Hernandez was put back in power and Duarte fled for his life to the Venezuelan em-

bassy before going into exile.
It is sad, therefore, to see Duarte portrayed as a right wing extremist now, since he has long been popu-lar in San Salvador as a liberal politician. He has a near-impossible task to fulfil in El Salvador, where years of uncontrolled population explosion encouraged by the strong Catholic Church, has left a legacy of poverty and overcrowding. This poverty has been exploited by the rich, and their inherent cruelty the Course of the cour from the Spanish culture of the Conquistadores handed down in Central America, has ensured an enormous guif between rich and

Nevertheless, Napoleon Duarte does represent the middle class Salvadoreans who have brought in labour laws, social security and land reform. Yours faithfully,

K. R. G. SMITH, 69 Quarry Road, Winchester,

### Labour and the centre

From Mrs C. J. P. Willis will need to be more than the "threat to the Tories" that Mrs Shirley Williams claims it will be. It needs also to be a considerable threat to a left-dominated Labour Party (and there are rather fewer signs that it will succeed in this), otherwise it will, like the Liberal Party before it, do relatively well when the electorate is discontented with a Tory Government, but unless it can achieve the power to enable it to change the present electoral system it will quickly be perceived that the new party has no very great effect on the Labour vote, and that a vote for it brings to power a Labour Government robbed of any

Labour Government robbed of any restraining influence of social democrats—whereupon the discontented Tories will return home while they still have the chance to do so.

Mrs Williams and her friends should therefore be more concerned to make a real impact upon the traditional Labour vore, rather than congratulating themselves in advance on their probable impact on the Tory vote. They will need more than this, and if this is all they achieve they will surely fail in the task they have set themselves. Yours frithfully, Yours frithfully. MARY WILLIS, Little Redstone,

East Walk, Reigate, Surrey.

### From Mr John Spencer

Sir, In his article "Labour and the leadership red herring" in The Times (February 18), Mr Ken Gill, General Secretary of the Technical, Administrative and Supervisory Staff Section of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, gives us all clear warning of the direction in which he would wish the Lebrary Party to proceed to the control of the Cartesian Con the Labour Party to proceed: to-wards a continuation and intensifi-

wards a continuation and intensar-cation of the class war in industry and in politics.

I did not join the Labour Party more than 30 years ago for that purpose, nor have I been a trade unionist for many years in order to support one class against another. On the contrary; I believed that the Labour Party might produce shifts in power, achieve a redistribu-tion of wealth, and create better opportunities for all young people to achieve their full potential, with-out a continuing, abrasive and ultimately destructive division of the country between two classes with separate party allegiances. But, Mr Gill tells us, "the decision at

Labour's special conference . . recognised the class base of the

party".

It is thus small wonder that I, along with thousands like me, feel unable to continue to belong to a party heading in this direction, and see in the Council for Social Democracy, and, it is to be hoped, a radical, left-of-centre party, the hope radical, left-of-centra party, the hope that Britain might escape from continuing, narrow, ideological conflict. This is why, painfully, I have left the Labour Party, and committed myself to working for a new alignment. I believe that in spite of Mr Gill's appeal to history, he fails to appreciate historical change, and shifts in historical necessity. His shifts in historical necessity. His article is a sad reminder of the truism that those who believe in the dialectic of thesis-amithesis commonly also believe that they sit comfortably aside the synthesis.

Mr Gill's view of the Labour Party is complacent, out-of-date, and unhistorical. His is the red

herring, not Mr Chapple's, and it confirms my judgment that the Campaign for Social Democracy is likely to be the true inheritor of the egalitarian, compassionate, inter-nationalist, pragmatic Labour tradi-tion I joined and subscribed to for so many years. Yours, etc.

JOHN SPENCER, 18 Masham Court, Shaw Lane, Leeds. February 18.

### From Miss Enid Lakeman Sir, Why does Jeremy Tigue (letters, February 14) need any explanation for the loss of her seat by a personally popular MP? Under our electoral system that sort of thing

is all too common. In 1979 as compared with the pre-vious election, Shirley Williams's share of the total poll in her con-stituency declined by four per cent, and because her party was very little ahead of the Conservatives there, this sufficed to turn her out. Harold Wilson's share of the poll in his constituency declined by 10 per

cent, but since his party there was still very comfortably ahead of the Conservatives it made no difference Under the single transferable vote, on the contrary, if a party loses seats the MPs who disappear will be those whom the voters think can best be spared.
Yours faithfully,

ENID LAKEMAN, Editorial Consult-

ant, The Electoral Reform Society, 6 Chancel Street, Blackfriars, SE1.

### Remarkable reversal From Lord Kilmarnock

Sir, While General Franco was alive, it never seemed to me that a alive, it never seemed to me that a Bourbon restoration after his death would prove a viable proposition. King Juan Carlos of Spain has proved me wrong.

The importance of the principle of loyalty both to himself and to the constitution that the King has managed to establish in the armed forces cannot be overstated. Had

forces cannot be overstated. Had it not been for his personal influence, it is highly doubtful that the Army would have accepted that vital step on the road to Spanish democracy, the recognition of the Communist Party.

Now, once again, Don Juan Carlos has demonstrated his crucial importance to the continuance of of democracy in his country. Army would have accepted that

democracy in his country. February 25.

Colonel Tejero Molina's theatrical capture of the Cortes has tended to overshadow the real issue, which was whether the army as a whole would support the attempted police coup. The Civil Guard had no hope of going it alone.

In a remarkable reversal of the role played by his grandfather, Alfonso XIII, who in 1923 sided with the generals against the politicians, the king has managed to hold the generals firm on the side of the politicians. While paying tribute to that achievement, one must hope end pray that the political leaders of Spain will be worthy of the new lease of life they have been given. Yours faithfully. KILMARNOCK. House of Lords, SW1.

### New Concert of Great Powers?

From the Master of St John's College, Cambridge Sir, The text of President Brezhnev's speech (report February 24) suggests that he has proposed something more comprehensive than a summit meeting with President seagan. What he seems to be pro-posing is that Soviet Russia and the United States should take the lead in establishing a Concert of

lead in establishing a Concert of the Great Powers.

Your report of the welcome given to his "new and remarkable innovations "by the American Secretary of State (February 24) is therefore encouraging to those observers with an interest in the history of international relations who have long foreseen that both super-powers would one day conclude that their attempts to solve international problems by unilateral action or through exclusive alliances are incompatible with detente and doomed to be frustrated.

If it is indeed true that the Soviet and US Governments have now

and US Governments have now reached this conclusion, they will still find it difficult to translate their wishes into action by re-activating either the Security Council or the less formal machinery of the the less formal machinery of the 19th-century Concert. Is it too much to hope that the British Government, which together with the Imperial Russian government did so much to launch the old Concert in the years after 1815, will give some thought to what it might do to help

to set up a new one? Yours sincerely, F. H. HINSLEY, The Master's Lodge, St John's College, Cambridge. February 25.

### The Pope's call

From Lord Brockway Sir, As a non-Catholic may I pay humble tribute to the Pope, shown by his Hároshima appeal (report, February 25) as the greatest influence in the world to end war and poverty, and urge sil, Catholics, Protestants, those of other faiths and humanists alike, to devote themselves to achieving disarmament by the renewed United Nations Disarmament Assembly in June, 1982. That will be the best homage to the

Sincerely yours, FENNER BROCKWAY,
The World Disarmament Campaign,
21 Little Russell Street, WC1
February 26.

### Crime prevention research

From Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC Sir, We are disturbed at reports of an imminent cut-back of 40 per cent in the professional staff of the Home Office Research Unit. The Howard League has long maintained that research is an essential basis for penal policy, both to monitor the real effects of penal sanctions and, no less important, to indicate the cost/effectiveness of different

methods. The unit has made a valuable con-tribution on such subjects as crime prevention, the effects of long pri-son sentences, and attendance centres, despite a reduction in staffing from 80 to 69 between 1975/76 and 1980/81. The cost in 1980/81 is only about £1m, plus £500,000 for

extramural research. As a member of the Advisory Council on the Penal System from 1966-1978 I greatly appreciated its ability to provide the information we required. Its research has some-

we required. Its research has sometimes thrown doubt on the received wisdom, for example, by suggesting that the level of crime in the community is likely to be reduced by crime prevention strategies rather than by increasing the size of police forces or the length of prison sentences; one of the most valuable functions of research is precisely to show how to obtain better value from law enforcement expenditure. We hold no special brief for the Unit, but at a time of great anxiety about both crime and the penal system we should greatly regret any reduction in research work. Yet the percentage of the law enforcement budget spent on research has been budget spent on research has been lower in the last four years than in the early 1970s, and the amount spent on prison research has steadily declined in real terms since 1973/74.

I hope that the Home Secretary

will not make false economies and then wish, like those who do not read The Times, that he had been better informed. Yours sincerely,

LOUIS BLOM-COOPER, Howard League for Penal Reform, 169 Clapham Road, SW9. February 24.

### Getting BR shipshape

From Captain J. A. R. Swainson Sir, When I was in the Royal Navy, a smart sailor meant a smart ship and a scruffy sailor meant a scruffy ship. British Rail is in the same boat and the same judgement can

I assume Sir Peter Parker would admit to being in charge of a uni-formed body of men but has he looked at the uniform lately? I have never seem so many cowboys in all my life. Training shoes, coloured mufflers, funny hats, everything in fact but the uniform. So the next question is, what has hap-pened to the supervisory grades? The NCOs, if you like, who see that the uniform regulations are adhered to? The tax payer must pay a heavy bill to equip all British Rail per-sonnel with uniforms. Where is the middle management to see that they

wear it properly?
A scruffy porter, a scruffy railway, so began the premise in my letter. Take a look around at any railway station and scruff will pre-dominate.

I am on the Hastings line and Waterloo and Charing Cross are constantly full of piles and piles of rubble and junk. The left-overs no doubt from work gaugs and never cleaned up properly.

Does Sir Peter Parker ever walk

around a railway platform using a seaman's eye? Where have all the NCOs gone? Yours faithfully, A. SWAINSON,

48 Springhead, Tumbridge Wells, Kent. February 25.



### COURT **CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 26: Mr P. R. A. Mans-field was received in audience by

The Queen this morning and kissed hands upon his appoint-ment as Rer Majesty's Ambassa-dor Extraordinary and Pienipo-tentiary at The Hague. Mrs Mansfield had the honour of being received by The Queen.
His Excellency Mr Tyge Dailgoard was received in audience by Her Majesty and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Fandordinary and Plesopatentiary from the Kingdom of Denmark to the Court of St James's. Mrs Mansfield had the honour

Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following Members of the Embassy who had the honour of being presented to The Queen: His Highness Chonel Prince Georg of Denmark (Oxfonee Attaché). Mr Frederick Kizer (Minister), Mr Borge V. Blond (Minister), Mr Borge V. Blond (Minister), Mr Borge V. Blond (Minister) (Counsellor), Mr Hans Henrik Bruun (Counsellor), Miss Kirsten Kare Jensen (First Secretary). Mr Ben Short

Kirsten Kaare Jensen (First Secretary). Mr Bent Skou (Minister-Counsellor) and Mr Marcin Hermansen (Minister-Counsellor) and Mr Marcin Hermansen (Minister-Counsellor).

Mrs Dahlgaard had the honour of being received by Her Majesty. Sir Edward Youde (Deputy to the Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Common wealth Affairs) who had the honour of being received by The Queen was present and the Gentlemen of the Househald. Queen was present and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Mr D. H. G. Rose (British High Commissioner to the Republic of Kiribad) and Mrs Rose had the honour of being received by Her Majesty. His Excellency Sir James Plim-Bis Excellency Sir James Plimsoll was received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for Australia in Loudon, and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Pleminsterniary at Tokyo.

Plemipotentiary at Tokyo. The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, this evening honoured with her presence the premiere of the film The Mirror Crack'd in aid of the Mountbatten Memorial Trust at the ABC One and Two, Shaftesbury Avenue.

The Duchess of Grufton, the Right Hon Sir Philip Moore and Lleutenaut-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Prest-dent of the City and Guilds Insti-tute, presented the 1981 Prince Philip Medal to Mr D. Mackenzie at Buckingham Palace and afterwards was present at luncheon with Members of the Institute at the Connaught Hotel, Carlos

Place, W1. Lord Rupert Nevill was in The Prince of Wales, Honorary Commodors, HM Coastguard Service, this moraing visited the Coastguard Maritime Rescue Cordination Centre, Navy Buildings, Greenock, Renfrewshire.

Afterwards His Royal Highness. Duke of Rothesay, presented the Awards of the Scottish Council Development and Industry
"Enterprise Scotland" Business
Competition at the City Cham-

The Prince of Wales. Patron. the International Year of Disabled People, this afternoon visited the Guarriers' Romes. Bridge of

His Royal Highness, attended by Major John Winter, travelled in the Royal Train.

The Queen was represented by General Sir Edwin Bramali (Aidede-Camp General to The Queen) at the Memorial Service for General Sir Roderick McLeod (formerly Aide-de-Camp General to The Queen) which was held in The Royal Memorial Chapel, The Royal M Sandhurst today.

LEGAL NOTICES

In the Matter of OSSE CLARK Limited and in the Matter of the COMPANIES ACT 1948.

Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarity wound up, are required to or or bottom of the company, which is being voluntarity wound up, are required to or or bottom of the company of the company of the company of the company of their debts or claims and he stragged stephens of their debts or claims and he manes and adverses of their selfectors of any to the undersigned Stephen Daniel Swaden, FLA of 57 and the state Company, and if we required by notice in writing from the said Company, and if we required by notice in writing from the said Company, and if we required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are personally or by their Solicinors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place or shall be recorded in such from the period of the proved.

Dated this 10th day of february 1481. S. SWADLN.

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Dated this 19th early of February 1981 MICHAEL FREDERICK ROLFE.

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Mr A. P. R. Clive and Miss J. F. Lambert The engagement is announced between Andrew Peter Ronald, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Chye, of Nunnington, York, and Jane Frances, Jaughter of Mr and Mrs Dighton Lambert, of London, SW6.

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Dr D. S. Naira and Miss B. J. Luckver The engagement is announced between David, son of Dr and Mrs Stanley Naira, of Westellt, Dorking, and Jane, younger daughter of A'r and Mrs Charles Luckyer, of Hale, Cheshire.

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Mr S. Russell Wood and Miss J. Cartwright
The engagement is announced between Stephen, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Russell Wood, of Ball's Cross, Petwerth, West Sussex, and Jennifer, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Carturight, of Bellombi, Sydney, Australia,

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Mr D. W. Tudor Price has been been been a Master of the Bench of the Inner Temple. LEGAL NOTICES

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# Dealers combine to buy Elizabethan cup

S. J. Piallips, the Bond Street dealers, were careful to refl Sothaby's before pesterday's silver auction that they would be bidding in partnership with other English dealers for a beautifully engrated Elizabethan sintergill standing cup and ower.

The price was \$32,000 (estimate \$15,000-50,000), emphasizing that prices can be biasted by designs. pooling their resources, as well as being held at artificially low level, when they agree not to bid against each other.

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HM Government Mr Richard Luce, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was

hist yesterday at a lincheon given in hungur of Citractuo Opoku Wore II. Ascatebene of Asanti, at I Carlton Gardens.

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The chairman of the Greater
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dinter field less night of the flattered Accountable. The speakers were the Master, his John W. Stephens, Ris Honour M. A. B. King-Hambon, QC. Judge E. D. Sutchffe, QC. and Judge Mishin, QC. Recorder of London.

Franco-British Society
The Lord Privy Seal and Lady
Caroline Gilmour ware present at
a dinner given by the Marquess
of Lansdonne and the council of
the Franco-British Society at
Fishmongers' Hall yesterday by
courtesy of the Prime Warden and
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Hossel, French Ambassador to the
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of Electrical Engineers held last night at Grosvenor House. Air Marshal Sir Herbert Durkin, prosident of IEE, presided.

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advance of purchasing patiner-slips. A case being brought against Agnesis alleging that they contravened the Auction (Bidding Agreements) Act by failing to neitly such an arrangement, will be heard in April and will clarify the state of the law. The Elizabeth a tase-shiped bowl and detachable, domed cover. It

is engraved with a pattern of rivernating scallum shells and diamonds and weight 35 on B. heers the mater's mark, I.E. and e London date mark for 159%. Fine sets of alleer plates brought enceptionally high prices in the The front is decurated with sepla sale, which buylled \$156,604, with planettes of the Queen, the Houses 12 per cent until There were of Parliament, Tower Bridge and three sets of shaped circular dia-

Mr Tyge Dahlgaard, the

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Busic Scholarships have been awarded to the following:
G. M. Evans (Ranby House); S. J. Anderson (Durham Chorister School); J. E. Dawson (Kibworth High School); J. L. Hawthorne (Limoh Cathedral School). Exhibitions: S. D. Ellis (Ring's School, Ely, Junior School): D. N. Wilson (Ripon Cathedral Choir School).

Latest appointments

Latest approximents include:
Rear-Admiral T. O. K. Sprages
to be Chief of Staff to the
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ther plates by Paul Storr, all dat-ing from 1815 and weighing about 27 ton a set. The prices ranged from 19,000 to £10,500; Sotheby's had estimated £4,500-£6,000 a set. Limbley 1121d £7,500 (estimate 54,000 £5,0001 for 24 dinner plates stude by Robert Calderwood, of Digitin in about 1760 (two only Diblin is about 1760 (two only unmarked) and weighing 37202.

Neales of Northagiam claimed a few auction record for a pourched at 2310. The card had been possed from London on June 21, 1897, to Celle, in Germany and the writer described the celebration of Queen Victoria's jubilee. The from is decivated with sepla vicinettes of the Oueen, the Houses

In Christie's sale of English furniture yesterday the Manchester City Art Gallery acquired a set of nine-Regency mahogany dining chairs in the manner of Cillow for £2,400 (estimate £2,500-£3,500). The sale romited 277,740, with 14, **OBITUARY** 

ancient sites started his antiquarian intérests. He left

quarian interests. He left school for London, working as an essistant in London University Library, and studying at Birkbeck. College for his bachelor's degree in History. The war interrupted his scholarly advance and for six years, as a lieutenant in the Royal Artillery, he served at home and in India.

He remined to Canterbury

in 1946, as Keeper of MSS in the Cathedral Library and, from 1951, custodian of the

Behind your outline of Augus

H.P. writes:

DRW. G. URRY

Noted medieval historian

Dr W. G. Urry died on Feb. 1968, and in 1969 came to rusry 18, at Canterbury where Oxford as Reader in Medievel he was born on December 17. Western Palaeography and 1913, a city which with Oxford of Sr Edmunds Hall. 1916, had been the love of a liere until his death, he was life he described as a tale of loved and respected by senior

The son of George Urry, a scholar he completed a sub-William George Urry was edu stantial work, as yet unpub-cated at Kent College, Canter lished, The Marlowes of bury, where a loathing for Canterbury. As Dean of games and an ability to escape from them on bicycle trips to present aloat a sub-from them on bicycle trips to

Western Palaeography and Fellow of St Edmunds Hall. Here, until his death, he was loved and respected by senior and junior members alike. As

splended dignity and beautiful Latin. On Governing Body he fought against whatever he considered Philistinism, and nothing ancient or of reverence failed to find its eloquent champion in him.

champion in him.
This generous scholar will be greatly missed. He had old-world good manuers, a whimsical humour, a fund of

anecdotes, and an ability to make all conversational roads

end in Centerbury or in cats, for which he had a lifelone

per cent unsold. The top price was £5.000 (estimate £700.£1.000) for a pair of flower paintings on glass, one signed F. J. P. Colin and attributed by Christie's as "probably mineteenth century". To judge by the price, there was more to them than met the eye.

### Memorial service

General Sir Roderick McLeod The Queen was represented by General Sir Edwin Bramall at a memorial service for General Sir General Sir Edwin Bramall at a memorial service for General Sir Roderick McLeod held yesterday in the Royal Memorial Chapel, Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. The Rev P. D. Dentom officiated, assisted by Canon J. F. O. Bown. Bishop Victor Pike was robed and in the sanctuary. Major-General F. A. H. Ling, Vice-Lord Lieurenant of Surrey, attended. Others present included:

[239 McLeod 12tdoor 1. Colonel N. B. CAMETA PIEMENT INCHORD .

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Lancker (granddaughter), Mrs. F.

Lancker (granddaughter), Mrs. N. F.

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Later and Mrs. R. J. S. Wardle, Mejor I.

Later Malcock.

25 years ago From The Times of Monday, Feb 27, 1956

Feb 27, 1956
That the middle class are depressed, that they are being destroyed by taxation, that some Chancellor of the Exchequer must do something about it, and that none ever does; these are the truisms of the 1950s. But who are now the middle classes? Are they still the backhone of the country? Where, socially and politically, do they belong? A century ago the: they belong? A century ago the middle classes were easily identi-fiable: between the big landed

proprieture and the mass of hired manual workers. Since then the expansion of the professions and the emergence of a huge new group of salaried managers and technicians, coupled with the erosion of the landed proprietors, have gone far to emblish a class denotes all those people who work with their brains and derive their income from salaries and professional fees or from active management of property, who do most of the organizing, inventive and creative work from which the

### Science report

### Health: Inadequate advice on abortion

By the Staff of Nature
A small survey carried out within
a health district has suggested that among women having abor-tions, the very young, those aged more than 35 and those having repeated or late operations rarely receive adequate advice on contra-

Those four categories of women of the 100,000 in England and Wales who obtain a legal abortion each year. About 2.9 per cent of those are aged less than 16, and 14.8 per cent more than 35; about 9 per cent seek repeated abortions and fewer than 1 per cent obtain late abortions, after 20 weeks of presnator. RAF Samion Moriey
A guest, night was held restorday
in the Giffeers' Mess, RAF Samion Moriey. Wing Commander N.
Le Dieu presided, The principal
guests were Captain H. Megson,
RN, Director of Aircraft Maintenance and Repair (Naval), and
Lieutenant-Colonel R. B. Manning (CAF). Assistant Air Advisor, Canadian High Commission.

20 weeks. If anything is to be done to help them to reduce their need for abordion some, closes to their common characteristics are needed. But most records are too sparse for generalizations to be made.

made.
Dr J. R. Ashton, of the London
School of Hygiene and Tropical
Medicine, has collated information
on 45 such women living in-Southampton, who obtained abor-Southampton, who obtained abor-tions in Southampton or at the British Pregnancy Advisory Ser-vice clinic in Brighton during an eight-month period in 1977. Eight were aged less than 16, of whom only one had been using contraception when the conceived, a sheath that apparently failed. Six had never used contraception. Of 13 women aged more than 35, five were using no comraception at the time of conception; others

unerine device, the diaphragm and the safe period. Seven of them had at some time

seven or them had at some that taken the pill but discontinued it for medical reasons or because of adverse publicity. Only three had received advice on contraception in the preceding year. Although generalizations are still hardly possible, a few class

seem to emerge; particularly among the younger and older women, there seems to be a lack of adequate contraceptive advice and services, especially for the latter when the pill has proved unsuitable. Source: Journal of Biosocial Science, January, 1981 (vol 13, p

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Queen's Bench Division

### Law Report February 26 1981

# Laying informations

information of the party of deriva-to the furtices, it was a fution, not in administrative or purely clerical function, and it could not The Divisional Court granted Tesco Stores Ltd an order of certification by Gaterhead justices of selling Discours containing a filter of Court Act, there was no

timed digaratte, contrary to section 2 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1956. 1936.

A similar order was granted to D. W. Parkin Construction Ltd., civil engineers, of Birmingham, to quash their conviction by Birmingham justices of failing to pay certain contributions in respect of an employee under section 145 of the Social Security Act, 1973.

LORD JUSTICE BONALDSON, reading the reserved judgment of the court, said that it was alleged in both cases that the justices had no jurisdiction to adjudicate because at no material time had the informations been laid before a nerson authorized to consider

them.
In respect of Parkin Construction, on December 15, 1977, Mr
Brian Harris of the Department of
Heelth and Social Security, deStered on December 15, 1977, a
ernten information to Briningnam magistrates' court alleging
the offence charged. It was not
certain who considered it. The comin who considered it. The information likely bure the facinformation is off bure the fac-simile signature of Mr Mountford, clerk to the justices, but that of itself was not radicative of nee-fact that it had been considered or seen by mm. Mr Maantlord had said that he was tatisfied that Mr Earns applied to the court clerk responsible for the issue of process on December 13 for the sale purpose of laying that inforsole purpose of laving that infor-mation, and he did not know whether the information was later submitted to him. His attention was given to some informations,

others were dealt with by senior members of staff on his instruc-tion. In his opinion the procedure used by him was legally cor-rect, and he relied on a crewlar issued in 1973 by the council of the Society of Justices' Clerks. the Society of Justices' Clerks.

In respect of Texco, the director of legal services for Cyteshead Borough Council to ted on February 6, 1978, a linearmoon to the to the clerk to the finished for the embling power made it clear that the only person authorized to set as a justice of the peace, lit was Collected to Technique assistant to the Collected to the clerk to the Justices for that area. That was Mr Mountford for

Regina v Gateshead Justices, Ex parte Tesco Stores Ltd
Regina v D. W. Parkin Construction Ltd and Others

Before Lord Justice Donaldson, Mr Justice Forbes and Mr Justice Bingham

Information should be laid by Justices of the party of Justices, it was a judicial, not an administrative or parely cierical function, and it could not summine.

SIMMUDS.

In 1952, apart from the Magistrates Courts Act, there was no clear authority for anyone to consider informations or complaints or to issue summonses. Section 1 of the Act made in clear that the power was discretionary and that the discretion had to be exercised by the justice acting judicially and therefore personally, since the judicial function could never be delegated.

In 1970 a change was made. In 1970 a change was made,

mathe prompted by the increasing work load of the justices. The Lord Chancellor made the Justices Clerks Rules under section 15 of the Justices of the Peace Act, 1949, as extended by section 5 of the Justices of the Peace Act, 1968. Justices of the Peace Act, 1968. The 1968 Act extension was to "make provision enabling things authorized to be done by, to or hefore a single instice of the peace, to be done instead by to or before a justices' clerk; and any enterment or rule of has regulating the exercise of any jurisdiction or powers of any jurisdiction or powers of of has regulating the exercise of justices of the peace, or relating to things done in the exercise or purposed exercise thereof, shall apply in related to the exercise or purposed exercise thereof by writte of this subsection by the clerk to any justices as if he were one of those justices."

The luminal Charles Rules has

The justices' Clerks Rules, by rule 3, provided that "The things specified in the schedule to these rules, being things authorized to be done by, to or before a single justice of the peace for the penty services area may be done by, to or before the justices' clerk for that area." The schedule listed:

"I. The laying of an information or the making of a complaint other man an information or complaint substantiated on eath. 2. The issue of any summons, including a witness summons."

Birmingham and Mr Griffiths for Gateshead. Furthermore, since the clerk was acting as a judica, he must act personally and could not delegate any of his duties and discretions.

iscretions.
It was also submitted that an It was also submitted that an information was not laid within the meaning of the Magistrains Courts Act, and was certainly not laid before the. "justice of the peace". unless it was laid before and considered by either a justice of the peace or the clerk to the justices acting as a justice of the peace pursuant to the Justices' Clerks Rules, 1970,

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Clerks Rules, 1970.

His Lordship said that the Parkin Construction and Textu informations had been considered by people other than the Clerk to the Justices and therefore the Birmingham and Gatesbead justices had acted without jurisdiction in trying the informations and their decisions should be quashed.

For the presentation and the decisions should be quashed.

For the prosecutors and the justices at was submitted that in reality the consideration of an information and the issue of a summons were normally a purely administrative function and that it was only in an insignificant minority of cases that there were materials upon which a judicial discretion could be exercised. His Lordship had no doubt that the function was judicial.

Then it was said that if the

Then, it was said that if the applicants' submissions were correct the administration of justice would grind to a halt because the justices and the clerk to the justices could not possibly cope with the volume unaided.

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instace count not possibly cope with the volume unsided.

The short answer was that if the practice was - unlawful, expediency would not make it lawful. Although each information must be considered and each summoust must be authorized individually by a justice or by a justice; clerk and each must bear the signature of the berson who considered the information, their task could be considerably inditended by suitable administrative assistance. Thus resistants could group together informations of similar characteristics to that they could be placed before a single individual. Bundles of informations or summouses could be considered by a justice or by the clerk to the by a justice or by the clerk to the justices and, thereafter, authority could be given for others to affix the signature of the person who had considered them.

Until now there had been no suggestion that the advice of the Society of Justices' Clerks was misconceived. If the court's judgment was scooped, or affirmed on appeal, by the House of Lords it would lead to a major reorganization in the practices of magistrates' courts.

### Latest wills

Latest Wills

Mrs Norah Willmott, of Cardift, left estate valued at £201,477 net. She left £4,300 and effects to personal legates, and one eighth of the residue each to the Royal Order of Moose, for the Education Fund; Royal Veterinary College Trust Fund, for "John Lord Perry" Scholarships; PDSA, RSPCA, British Heart Foundation, Cancer Research Campaign, and the RNIB, and one sixteenth of the residue each to Park End Charge, Rhydypenau Cross Roads, Cardiff, and the National Kidney Research Fund.

Joyce Mary Major, of Sollhull, West Midlands, left estate valued at £190,499 net. After family legaties of £30,000 she left the residue equally between the National Council for the Single Woman and the dependants and the Elderly Invalids Fund.

Today's engagements The Duke of Edinburgh visits RAF St Athan, 11; the Queen, accom

St Athan, 11; the Queen, accompanied by the Duke, opens new Royal Survey County Hospital, Goldford, 3.

The Prince of Wales wists Derby, 9.30; vists Abbeyfield Home, 160 Newton Road, Burton-on-Trent, 3.15.

Princess Anne opens new maternity and gynaecology unit of Royal United Hospital, Bath, 2.30.

Lunchrime music: Linds Strachan, mezzo-sopuzno, Gulidball School of Music and Drama, Barbican, 1.10. Philip Denne, organ, St Paul's, 12.30. Suctrier Duo, Sr Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe, 1.15.

Birthdays today

Sir Myles Abbout, 75; Viscount Cowdray, 71; Mr Lawrence Durrell, 69; Vice-Admiral Sir Kaye Edden, 75; Sir Berkeley Gage, 77; Sir Philip Hay, 63; Air Marshal Sir Harold Martin, 63; Sir Algerndu Rumbold, 75; Miss Architects Sibles 62. Autoinette Sibley, 42; Sir Charles Sykes, 76; Miss Elizabeth Taylor,

# a man of wide interests, great humanity and Christian humility, loved by a host of friends. His Random Naval Recollecrions, completed and privately printed two years before his eighty-eighth birthday, do something to reveal his true self.

in 1946, as Keeper of MSS in the Cathedral Library and, from 1951, custodian of the Borough Archives, extending and organizing the archives, lecturing; assisting visiting scholars, working for his PhD from London, and publishing his Canterbury under the Angevin Kings in 1967.

Elected FSA in 1955 and FRHists in 1958, he was Visiting Fellow of All Souls in comes indefessa."

ADMIRAL SIR ANGUS CUNNINGHAME **GRAHAM** 

among them the National Trust for Scotland in which he was Cunninghame Graham's distin-guished career lies the life of for Scotland in which he was active till the end.

Next to family came service to his Queen, as Lord Eleutenant and in her Body Guard for Scotland, the Royal Gempany of Archers. He paraded with them on every Royal wist to Scotland. (After marching as escort to the Queen's carriage during her Coronation visit to Edinburgh and being asked what he would have done in the event of an attempt on her perthey are written with a direct-ness and sense of humour

activities in the field of public service and elsewhere, foremost

which are a lesson to all would-be autobiographers ! son, he reputedly replied, He had seen Queen Victoria, "First, throw away my bow !".)
What is more, he was one of
the minority of members who
regularly drew his bow at the he had seen queen victoria, been a page at Edward VII's. Coronation, entered Oxborne as a Cadet in 1905, and as a mid-shipman in a ship excerting King George VI and Queen Mary to India was present in Delhi at the Durbar celebrations of the Prince of the regularly drew the bow at the mark continuing almost till the end of his life. And il latterly his acrows sometimes fell nearer to the spectators than to the clour (on one occasion, in a prize shoot at Hoperbun House, in the middle of the ornamental lake) his good cheer tions all before the First World War began. He recalls as a sub-lieutenant, coaling ship alongside his ratings at Scapa Flow and later taking part in the Battle of Judand. and wit endeared him to his

fellows, young and old ahke.

No mean musician, at the
estate party for their golden
wedding, he and his beloved
Patricia entertained the com-Between the wars on the West River in China, he commanded a flotilla of gun hoats, designed, with their shallow. draught, to "float on a beavy dew." and provide an admirable pany with Victorian songs, and with his formidable memory he base for wild fowling and other Snark from beginning to end.
Loyalty and comradeship were foremost in his creed, but without a trace of pomposity or excursions; shooting was but one of the many sports which he enjoyed to the full. After Second World War service, in-cluding a full stint of Arctic couvoys, he returned to end his active naval career as Flag Officer of his native Scodand. hombus his sense of humour the surface. At the whilf of an occasion, naval of other, he would be off to it, even travel-But after his retirement there was to remain a third of his lifespan ahead of him, and this ling from Scotland to the south within three months of his death to attend a dinner for those who, like him, had served be devoted with enthusiasm and vigour to his family, to his

### in the Royal Yacht. MR G. A. LOVEDAY

R. F. writes: Exchange not only weathered Mr. George Loveday who died the storm unaided but also caron February 25 at the age of ried through the programme of 71 was elected Chairman of financial and structural reform 1973, the year in which all the separate stock exchanges of the

many friends, and to a host of

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cient tasks in themselves but the job took on a new dimen-sion with, first, the collapse of the market with major failures and, secondly, the stack on the regulation of the market by the Labour Party, both in 1974. A lesser man might have re-treated into a protective shell. Loveday was fortunately sup-ported by strong deputy chair-men—David LeRoy-Lewis, Dun-das Hamilton and Gordon Simpson.

Simpson.

The measure of the financial change than hardship within hardship wi

MR W. F. HUNT Mr William Field Hunt, who was a Deputy Circuit Judge

from 1973 to 1975, died on February 22 at the age of 80. The son of Edwin James Hunt he was born on October 24, 1900. He was called to the Bar 1900. He was called to the Bartin 1925 and joined the Oxford Son who was confined to a Bridgnorth from 1941 to 1945 and of Newcastle-under-Lyme from 1945 to 1971. In 1972 he became a Recorder of the Sir Leslie Farrer, wife of became a Recorder of the Sir Leslie Farrer, KCVO, former Cown Court He was a former. Justice of the Peace for Wor-George VI and the Queen, died on February 25. cestershire.

financial and structural reform Stock Exchange in June, and began its new form of conseparate stock exchanges of the Loveday initiated talks with United Kingdom and Ireland the Accepting Houses beginning the necessary spade work leading eventually to the settle amalgamation work and to tang up of the Council of the implement a programme of Securines Industry. He drew major reform at The Stock Exciose to the Governor of the change implicated in greener.

change, initiated in a report Bank of England and also prepared by the present Chairman, Nicholas Goodison. The with the main users, including thrust was to make the staff of The Stock Exchange more professional and to open its affairs more widely to the Exchange to look outwards and users of the market.

These would have been sufficient tasks in themselves but the job took on a new dimension with, first, the collapse of the market with major failures and secondly, the stack on the regulation of the market by the Labour Party, both in 1974. A former Chairman, Sir Martin Loveday was fortunately supported by strong deputy chairman party of the party supported by strong deputy chairman. The Chairman is a great deal more have taken place within a short party of the more chairman a great deal more have taken place within a short party of two years against a present chairman and sison the Labour party. space of two years against a background of trial and tribulation, and, particularly, more hardship within The Stock Exchange than had ever previously been experienced."

The Stock Exchange was privileged to know a great man. The trumpets have sounded and

### MR ROGER TONGE

valiant pilgrim has

Mr Roger Tonge, who played Sandy Richardson in the ATV series Crossroads, died ester-day in hospital in Sutton, Surrey, after a long illness. He was 35. One of the original members of the cast, he played the part of Meg Richardson's son who was confined to a

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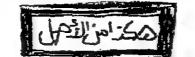
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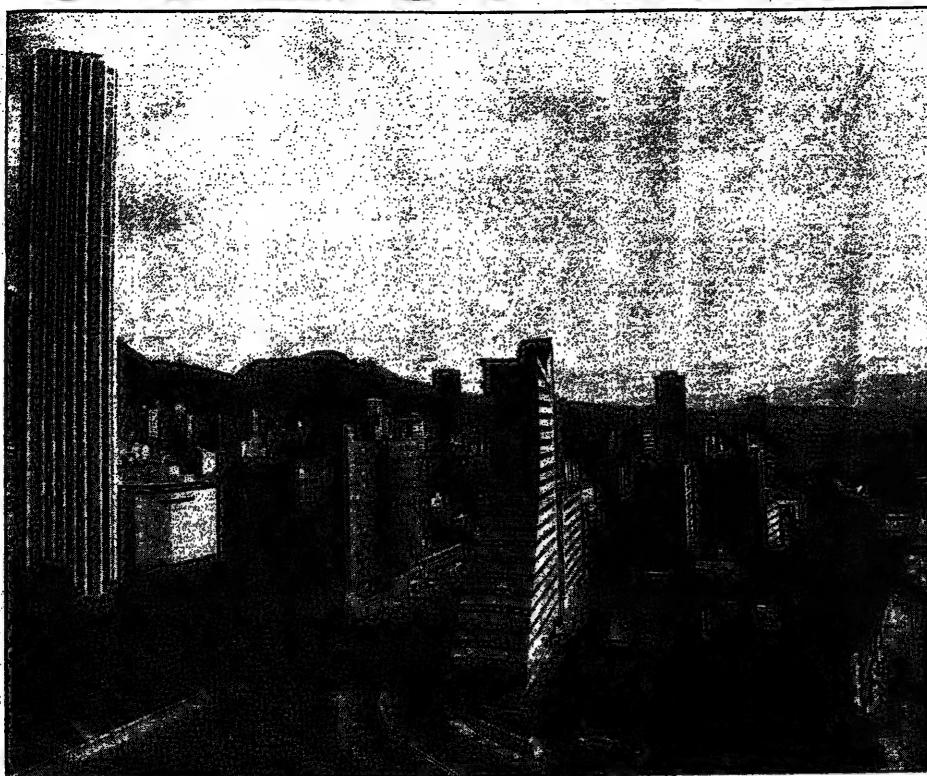


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Last year Kur's distributed some £275,000 to aid elicity and disabled sentances. To allow for inflation, we need to provide much more this year.

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Bogotá, capital of Colombia, sits more than 8,000ft high on an Andean plateau deep in the interior. Photograph: John Hillelson Agency.

In 1912 a Mr Warner slung an 890-metre cable between the great hills of Montser-rate and Guadalupe, that tower over the east side of Bogotá, and walked across blindfold. He was, of course, an Englishman. While few Colombians seem to remember Mr Warner's dangerous stroll, their own rare version of the democratic on the Conservative side, the favoured candidate is Señor Alvaro Gomez Huttado, the son of a former Conservative president man the owner of a daily newspaper, El Siglo. His main challenger is the twice. Betancur, a populist. The their own rare version of the democratic system has for some time been doing a passable imitation, writes Alan Robinson.

But the winds of change the Liberals and Conservations are busy myling to forge a new right. The options seem to be a type of christian democrat trend or what one Liberal observer describes as a "Thatcher-Reagan style conservatism". Señor Gomez Hurtado representational agrant the latter.

But the winds of change the Liberals and Conservablew sharp and cruel across tives joined in a national this lovely country of 27 front, designed to ensure million people. They blow that the presidency would from north and south, from pass from one to the other left and right, from the pass from one to the other left and right, from the pass from one to the other left and the embattled Central public offices would be shared equally between them. American republics; from This Colombian version of the forces of subversion within Colombia and from presidency ended in 1970, the nation's Armed Forces, but job parity exists still, with the Turbay Cabinet equally divided between has performed prodigious balancing feats.

In 1970, General Rojas Pinilla founded the National

wildly of late and the system has performed prodigious balancing fears.

Faced with the likely alternatives, the majority of Colombiams fervently hope their strange democracy makes it all the way across. They cannot be sure of it, because there are obstacles that cannot be stepped over or kicked aside: abject poverty, high unemployment, rising lawlessness, widespread cynicism and discontent with the dominant political parties, along with a lopsided distribution of national wealth whose injustices would make a Mexican blink.

Colombian democracy exists by virtue of a flexible oligarchy of families that has created a control system unequalled anywhere in Latin America for its complexity. It is hard to find a minister or ex-ministers whose family tree is not laden with former ministers.

The durability of the system unique to the durability of the system: and absorb talent from outside the oligarchy. The colombian name, but his ability for conciliation have ally divided between Liberals and Conservatives apopular The tonary Colombian of the way across. Misrael Pastrana Borrero, a Conservative candidate, in what was widely regarded as x rigged election. The immediate result was the conservative candidate, in what was widely regarded as x rigged election. The immediate result was the caqueta froops member to split off from the system: its ability to coopt and absorb talent from outside the oligarchy. The system: its ability to coopt and absorb talent from outside the oligarchy. The core of president Turbay himself illustrates another characteristic of the system: its ability to coopt and absorb talent from outside the oligarchy. The core of president Turbay himself illustrates another characteristic of the system: its ability to coopt and absorb talent from outside the oligarchy. The colombian name, but his ability for conciliation had bears an unfashionable, unfollowed the National Popular Alliance (Anapo) and stood for the presidency and stood for the presidency and stood for the presidency and stood for the presi

mer ministers.

The durability of the system was exemplified when President Julio Cesar Turbay Ayala went to Washington for an eye examination in overseeing the fortunes of the covernment of t

nation for almost four terms as former ambassador in The M-19 is seriously Washington.

The Liberal and Conservative parties have dominated politics throughout Colombia's history. In 1948, the assassination of Señor Jorge Eliecer Galtán, the Liberal Party's presidential candidate, provoked a bloody civil war between them. "La Violencia" killed 300,000 Colombians and ended with a military coup that brought

a military coup that brought determined on freezing out General Gustavo Rojas another candidate, Señor Pinilla to power.

His attempt to create a the outspoken representative Peronist-style regime led to of the newer regional polihis overthrow in 1957 and tical leaders.

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sents the latter.

One of the results of this rightly-controlled system is that the political centre has been strengthened and the extremes of left and right weakened. The Communist Party is legal, has two representatives at national level, a few wore at regional level. a few more at regional levels, and is very much a part of the establishment. The true opposition is clandestine and subversive, with not much

popular support.
The Moscow-line revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) is the oldest of the guerrilla groups and numerically the strongest, but the bulk of its members are penned up in the thick jungle region of Caqueta where about 8,000 troops were deployed to hound them in January. The Popular Liberation Army (EPL), which looks to Peking for inspiration, is in a similar desperate plight in Cordoba on the Caribbean

The National Liberation Army (ELN), whose most famous member was the late. revolutionary priest Camilo Torres, has broken into quarrelling groups, some of which remain active. All in all, the rural revolutionaries pose no threat to stability.

The urban-based M-19,

whose spectacular exploits include the two-month occupation of the Dominican Embassy in Bogotá last February, has gained some admiration among the population for its design. for an eye examination in mid-February. His substitute—installed with much circumstance and not a little pomp for a period of nine days—was Dr Victor Mosquera Chaux, wealthy senator for the department of Cuaca and a descendant of a president who ruled the nation for almost four terms as former ambassador in 150 years ago.

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when President Turbay turned the army loose on subversion and the drug trade. On taking office be

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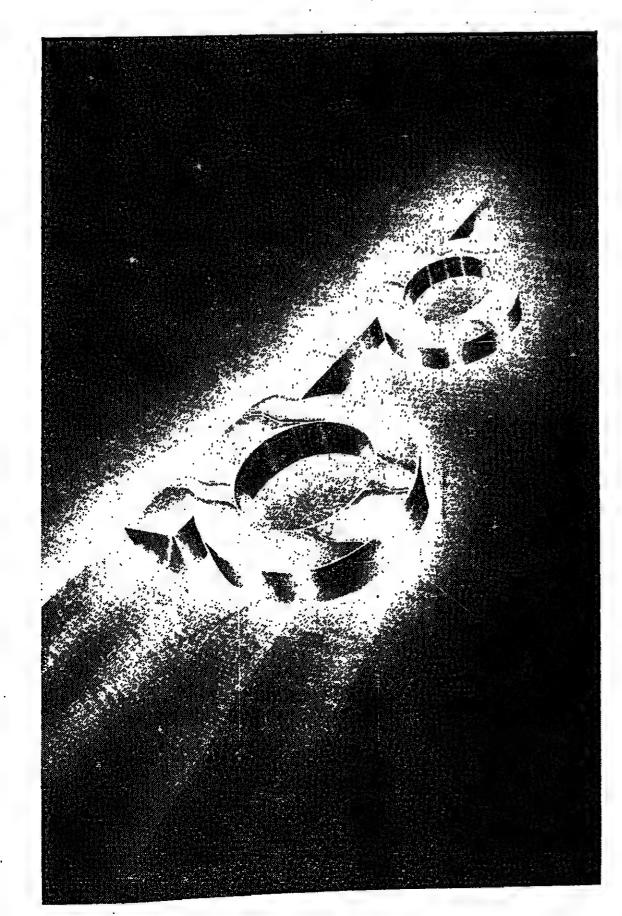
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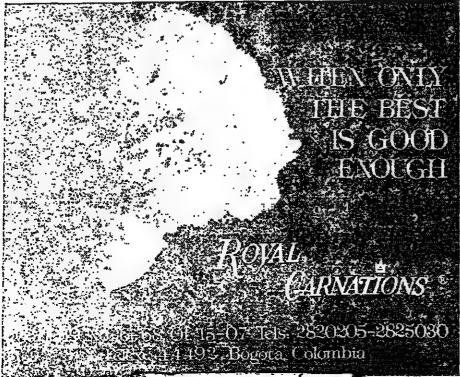
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# An empire of small private fiefs

It is a far cry from Colom- Brazil in total production, the producing and con-company covers growers' bia's bost of tree-shaded The frosts that blighted suming nations that the risks, provides life and acci-coffee farms, perched more Brazil's crop in 1975 and existing coffee agreement dent insurance, and export than 3,000 feet up on the again in two subsequent could not be applied in a cover.

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tederation for the past 25
Happy Colombians thought sacks, or 17 per cent of 9,700,000
years and is only the second this would go on for ever. world market, an increase of director in its lastory. It But in 1980 Brazil did not 40 per cent over the figure private coffee growers, more than last of them operating on the prospects of all its initial conditions of the coffee stand has than 15 acres each and the prospects of all its initial conditions of the coffee stand has than 15 acres each

private coffee growers, more and the prospects of all its than half of them operating coffee coming on the market on less than 15 acres each, reduced the international and has become something price to \$1.23 a fb by September. Brazil then began an aggressive sales policy, and eventually the principal a merchant fleer, sugar mills, warehouses and laboratories, producers decided to avoid a price war by returning to the Little wonder that Dr Gomes is known as "Mr Coffee": a nitle he dislikes and discussions. "I don't like to per Brazil, among others, was lains. I don't like to perlains. I don't like to perlonalize things, he has not happy about the change
and he is also known as a

magnification and national coffee market, and

national coffee market, and Colombia, Indonesia and Mexico did not want to lose everything that they had gained. It looked as if agreement would be impossible. There was a great deal of coffee, not just in Brazil but everywhere else. formidable negotiator and has been described by one as "one of the most power-ful men in Colombia". From his spacious office at the federation he has seen Colombia's coffee produc-tion boom from 5,500,000 sacks to 12,700,000 during Colombians believe that Dr his 25 years in office. Gomer's presentation at the Exports have leapt from five October meeting in London million sacks to 11,400,000 of the International Coffee

Colombia is the world's ensuring a healthy export leading producer of mild quota for his country.

Coffee, and stands second to He told the delegates of

At home, the federation in domestic coffee prices. The industry's profit has suffered from inflation, but the Government has granted only minimal price inonly

when reviewing his 25 years at the head of the federation, Dr Gómez said that in 1955 there was only one coffee-growing cooperative. Today there were 56, uniting 125,000 small ferrors and giving them uniting 125,000 small farmers and giving them access to credit and tech-

access to credit and technology.

The Grancolombiana merchant fleet—one of the most important in Latin America—has 25 ships with a total capacity of 320,473 tons, and an equal number of vessels under charter; it takes Colombian coffee to 51 countries. The Coffee Bank (Banco Cafetero) has 288 branches and is the third largest bank in Colombia; the federation's insurance Colombians believe that Dr

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sunny slopes of the Andes, years, and political problems rigorous form, because "if the federation built a chester sky, and an even tries, drastically cut the change in the world structure. It would be many the federation built a chester sky, and an even tries, drastically cut the change in the world structure. It would be many the said of the Federation built a supplies to the sure of production, it would be many, he said.

Jaramillo, head of the Federation built a country of production will reach 73,500 tonnes of refined share of the world market in the way of agreement sugar this year, and it has the reach of the federation built a sugar mill in the Cauca Valley, where production will reach 73,500 tonnes of refined share of the world market in the way of agreement sugar this year, and it has traction Nacional de Cafe rose from 125 per cent to would be many, he said.

After long and hard structure is planned for the Colombia share dropped from 25 per negotiations, Colombia obvenezuela border zone, repis planned for the Colombia-Venezuela border zone, representing a joint investment between the two nations.

The United States remains Colombia's largest coffee cus-tomer, but the EEC countries are buying more than before.

columbians are great believers in the product and drink a great deal of it; secretaries in most offices in Bogotá absorb 10 or more cups a day. Britain, with double Colombia's population, drinks not much more in total quantity, while Mexico with 70 million people consumes only about

### Economy

# Big investment needed

Although statistics differ greatly at times, Colombian economists in general agree drinks, tobacco, furniture that 1980 was neither a bril- clothing, shoes and petro liant year nor a bad one. They also agree that the performances, gross domestic product grew Colombian Colombian agriculture ha

ley, where production will reach 73,500 tonnes of refined sugar this year, and it has created 10,000 jobs in the area. Another sugar complex \$626.9m current account up ports totalled only 700,000 tonnes of sugar complex \$626.9m current account up ports totalled only 700,000 tonnes of sugar complex \$626.9m current account up ports totalled only 700,000 tonnes of sugar complex \$626.9m current account up ports totalled only 700,000 tonnes of sugar complex \$626.9m current account up ports totalled only 700,000 tonnes of refined by about 4 per cent, combined agreement and the part of the sugar complex and the sugar complex agreement account up to the sugar complex agreement agreemen plus in spite of a \$106.2m tonnes, in comparison will trade deficit, bringing inter-Mexico's massive imports of national reserves to about over 10 million tonnes of

west Germany is the largest average for Latin America for 31 per cent of gdp and average for Latin America for 30 per cent of gdp and cent. Fairly strict monetary national labour force, continuents. "There's a lot of mouths of the year mig's contribution to gdp in says.

Says.

The PEN analysis of the economy emphasizes that the population's doubling rate is 35 years and not 23 years as it was a generation ago (the present birth rate is down a 2 years) and that down to 2 per cent) and that the mass migration to the cities from the countryside has started to slacken.

Noting the present status of Colombia as an oil importer (which it became in 1975), the neglect of the mining sector, the decline of public investment since the 1970s, the general inside. Whether or not the unions are "establishment", discon-tent is growing among the workers and the unemployed 1970s, the general madequacy of transport and comas inflation makes life daffimunications, and the low capacity for electricity gen-eration, the PIN proposes Dr Borrero admits that the Government is the nation's biggest employer with a workforce of about 800,000. The minimum wage in Colombian urban areas is about \$120 a month, less in public investments smouthing to \$22,000m by 1982. About a third of this would

come from foreign loans. The main aims of the plan are to develop energy, ted workers do not get even mining, transport, communi cations, health services, and that. Army generals recently got a rise to just over \$2,000 to accelerate administrative and economic decentralization of the pation by making

If the energy sector is not the markets of Bogota and Medellin are not attracting investors because stock yields carry a 40 per cent capital gains tax. Money flows to government bond issues which are tax exempt. Credit for industry is short-term, carries interest rates of up to 40 per cent and the interest is payable three months in advance, he noted. developed, about 40 per cent

lemm products showed

The inflation rate at con- imported 476,000 tomes of sumer level slackened from wheat, 164,000 toones of corn 29.8 per cent in 1979 to 26 and 42,000 tonnes of tors per cent last year, while the hum. Agriculture accounts (12 per cent) and Argentin

Mexico with 70 million people consumes only about 1,500,000 sacks.

The slightly-built, soft-spoken "Mr Coffiee" takes four small cups of black coffee (called tratos) during his working day. Between calls to and from London, Rio, Brussels and Bogotá, he offers the visitor a trato; then looks up and says with way humour: "You could go hack and rell the British how good it is."

Alan Robinson

Alan Robinson

The production rose from eight production rose in 1979 and edged up about 4 per cent last year. About 70 per cent of the crop is expurred, that the Government's part of claiming 17 per cent of the world market and 60 per cent of the world market and 60 per cent of Colombia's total exports and non-traditional exports is seen as vital when coffee period, is well under way. These expenditures surpassed \$8,000m, 75.1 per cent of the crop is expurred, is well under way. These expenditures surpassed \$8,000m, 75.1 per cent of the crop is expurred, is well under way. These expenditures surpassed \$8,000m, 75.1 per cent of the crop is expurred. Seen as vital when coffee period, is well under way. These expenditures accounting for 27.6 per cent of the crop is expurred. Seen as vital when coffee period, is well under way. These expenditures accounting for 27.6 per cent of the crop is expurred. Seen as vital when coffee period, is well under way. These expenditures accounting for 27.6 per cent of the crop is expurred to the period, is well under way. These promotion of minor the previous year with and non-traditional exports to the Andean group in the period of the crop is expurred to the period of the period Mexico and Argentina Colombia is busily trying push these goods in the

> of marijuana and ne is harder to estimate Mines and Energy Minister, who runs a non-profit ecocalled Fedesarrollo and des cribes it as "the Colombia Brookings Institute the drug export trade b in about £580m s year.

A confidential report by French research body for Colombia states that between 30,000 and 70,000 hectares are under drug cultivation in the Guajira region along the border with Panama; and in eastern Llanos, in the Meta department. The yield is estimated at about 1.5 tonnes per hectare, but could go at high as four tonnes in some places. Subject to military vigilance and climatic varia States market takes en average of 12,000 tonnes annually, 60 per cent of it from Colombian producers. Abou 20 per cent of the extempter drug exports are seized by the authorities. The French study estimates that Colomi bian drug income varies believeen \$655m and \$3,000m in \$1.50 a good year. "If removed overnight", it says, "id

and communications will be vital to growth and some 550km of new roads will be built, another 1,350km reconstructed and 1,721km refurbished. would be an economic and political blow for the system."

Industry

# Imports blamed for decline

he Federation of Metallurgi-al Industries (Fedmetal) the Federation of Metallurgical Industries (Federata)
The industrialists of
Colombia are complaining
gradually to remove protection from domestic industry was the trouble.
"Every day the market belongs less to Colombian
workers". Senor Carlos del
Castillo, president of FedThey also workers and ports:
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the railways, and they allege
that the Government has
done little to give the country adequate transport. They
complain about the ports:
They also workers per cent a year and
its unemployment rate is 7.3
per cent.

They also workers per cent.

They could be a difficult Castillo, president of Feddiscriminately. The Government may be going well, ual but the nation is going badly. riers Even DANE's statistical and

While the state statistical A small bartle broke-out agency DANE has said that among statisticians when cent unemployment. ANDI federations were threatening industrial production rose DANE produced industrial purs forward 9.3 per cent a general strike, but industrial purs forward 9.3 per cent a general strike, but industrialists (ANDI) reports was challenged abruptly by plausible up to September that output sank by 0.6 per Federatrollo, an independent last year. Others advance cent Either way, it amounts research organization headed the suggestions of 11 to 12 man said.

Whether or not the unions are "establishment" discontinued the suggestions is sure are "establishment," discontinued and sper cent. In short, no one the 4 per cent to 11.4 per former mines and energy knows but everyone is sure the 4 per cent to 11.4 per former mines and energy cent growth rate recorded minister, who maintained over the past few years.

A sign of the times in February was a declaration by in August and had fallen for four consecutive months.

opening our nomy and the lack of control imports inof smuggling and the drug trade. They oppose the gradue going well, wal lifting of protective baris going badly, riers for domestic industry in the metals in and alment fuel shortages

"Even DANE's statistical and lament fuel shortages picture of the metals industry is desolate. It is a no growth situation that the thick curtain of happy statistics put up by the Government cannot inde."

Transport equipment, wood products, electrical machinery, textiles, leather goods and non-metallic minerals reported sharp declines.

"Even DANE's statistical and lament fuel shortages and electricity cuts.

Industry's performance in 1980 did nothing to improve the availability of jobs. Colombia has an available workforce of eight million and estimates of unemployment ment have provoked several other statistical skirmishes among economists, whose guesses range from 6 per cent to 12 per cent.

per cent. In short, no one knows but everyone is sure

With 70 per cent of the population in the cities and peasants still moving to-wards urban escens (although

This could be a difficult a month. In a difficult a month in a difficult a month in a difficult a month. In a difficult is a month in a difficult a month in a difficult a month in a difficult is a difficult a month. In a difficult is a difficult in such years most labour contracts are renegotiated. There are four trade union

There are four trade union federations, the largest being the Union de Trabajadores de Colombia (UTC), which is split down the middle with its president, Señor Tulio Cuevas pitted against another leader Señor Álvaro Ramírez Pistilla Curiously, both be-Pinilla. Curiously, both be-long to the Conservative Party, on different wings, and are supporting the creation of a new workers' party.

# Casa Grajales Office and Wine Vessits: La F

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### COLOMBIAN GRAPES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

The Grajales Winery House was born as a necessity to handle the abundance of production. The winery functions under the same conditions as the

classical houses of Europe. "Our Wine", says Gerardo Grajales, President of the Company, "follows a strictly natural process leading to the production of white dry varieties, sweet wines, rose wines, red, and a total of twelve varieties".

This new industry has been able to compete with foreign companies, a feat for a tropical country in the grape busi-

"We propose", says Gerardo Grajales, "to continue intensive cultivation in order to complement national exports of agricultural products and continue to capture international markets.

### Democracy clinging to a tightrope

the Defence Minister, and his top officers, who told him that if subversion was not hit hard the system would be in creat danger. In effect he gave them carte

blanche to stop it with his 1978 security statute. Violations of human rights. torture and murder were denounced by establishment igures such as ex-President Carlos Lleras, even before Amnesty International pro-duced its damning report. It is almost certain that the freer than the civilian gor-ernment had supposed. Government control of the

Armed Forces is a traditional part of the Colombian system. No army officer becomes a general without the approval of a special committee. congressional committee a decem man, and there are Generals owe their careers many like him in Colombia. to civilians who must first be sure of their lovalty. Unlike Argentina and Chile, where

continued from previous page trying to buy them", one spuroed suggestions that the economist said.

listened closely to General In spite of government military men who have combined to discredit mitted violations of human

This was cold comfort for ing his office north Ironically, one of the biggest Meanwhile army action military trials to be held in against the drug underworld

generals by the Turbay repeated.

There are several signs owned by Mr Robert kennedy. Jur. in Llanos, publicized demonstrations of ing. One Western diplomat said single-engine Pipers and solidarity. The Colombian says the substantial flow of twin-engined Skybawks take lower end of the Latin American military scale, with a saylum in 1979 began drying night in that area, loaded with cocaine. Recently one less than half the size of the Mexican Army, which is also fairly 'low down the Latin military league. Today in the better of them', he police', he said.

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There are several signs owned by Mr Robert Kennedy, Jur., in Llanos, said single-engine Pipers and twin-engined Skybawks take off at the rate of 15 to 20 a night in that area, loaded with cocaine. Recently one ments has improved. "The grams of the drug on board. Government has its psychomatical military spending, aaid.

Colombia's flawed and per head, does not exceed.

national military spending per head, does not exceed and an analysis. Indeed one wing of the special variety of democracy set.

None the less, some sidering entering the electing by the skin of its teeth, definite unease is in evidence about the role of the amnesty comes into force. Senior Rodrigo Botero, a army and the effectiveness of civilian control. In guerrillas to give themselves said: "I am prudently January the top three up, but it will not pardon optimistic." Mr Warner, generals had their pay more certain acts which the Presipoised on his cable high than tripled with comments dent maintains were not above Bogota would probsurate increases down to the committed in the heat of ably have said much the ranks. "The Government is battle. He and the army also same thing.

attempts to discredit mitted violations of human Amnesty International's rights. The generals termed that suggestion "insulting". The Liberal newspaper El Lawlessness in the clites Liberal President and action, but unemployment of defended the report. It also at least 8.4 per cent (and problished Amnesty's paper on violations of human rights in the Soviet Union labour force, and the ravages to refute President Turbay's suggestion that the group the wave of breakins and favoured communist regimes.

One ex-minister was so shaken by the report that he approached Anibal Muñoz Duque, the Chaplain-General of the Army, for reassurance. "I am not aware that torture has taken place", he was told, "but those interrogahas taken place, he was told, "but those interrogations are tough. I wouldn't want you to be present at one."

driving through mose areas one gets the impression they are uncontrolled and uncontrolled. not ancrely contained, he said. A British businessman is movsecurity reasons and he is not alone.

Latin America is taking place has driven the trade increase Argentina and Chile, where the army is an upper-class in an army chapel—by ingly away from the Guajira career. Colombia gets its officers from the middle class and if they are to rise they must behave.

All kinds of privileges the army much trouble and at only 3,000 metres and by unpopularity and will not be geologist, based at a ranch Government and the army the army several signs owned by Mr. Robert

Banking

# A country awash on a tide of liquidity

exporter of contraband into to the United States. Michough complex ex-Arbough complex ex-large controls were main-med throughout the period,

ore than \$400m. industrial finance group.

In of the banking on colomic features of the 1980s is likely

Through the 1970s Colomilia's financial institutions rew more rapidly than any the part of the country's inble economy. This released both the strength of office prices through most it this period, and more apprently, Colombias positions as the world's number geoporter of contraband Total assets (Dec 80) 68.720 profits 1980 872 990 898 371 591 312 407 285 792 237 646 756 410 158 337 195 338 237 66.697 46.781 37.833 34.249 28.375 23.693 17.726 Comercia 16.205 16.627 13.037 Bancoquiat BIC‡ Occidente

the past 18 years, has conlated rather than underind the banks' position,
I many of these seconinstitutions are directly
I indirectly controlled by
I important banking operations, and particularly
I ps. The only exception the rapidly-growing finanempire of the Jesuits,
I have not yet founded bank but control assets
ore than \$400m.

Grupo Grancolombiano. This was perhaps the most dynamic group in the past wide variety of service industries, stock exchange operations, and particularly industries for the other hand, has pursued a more conservative policy and remains a fundamentally industrial finance group.

hands, and the foreign to be the continued expan-scrive in Colombia at sion abroad of the big banks, s active in Colombia at sion abroad of the big banks, reginning of the 1970s with the Banco de Bogota, forced to find a Banco de Colombia and the rity of Colombian sharers. The seven banks in the lead. The latter is read saw their capital primarly concerned with the increase by more than coffee trade, but is increasing their ingly offering its services to three years of operations with Eulabank in London, the Banco Arabelial system is still on wrease.

Top 10 banks control Latinoamericano (Arlabank) wer 60 per cent of the in Lima (and Kuwait), assets of 26 banking Bladex in Panama and the

light throughout the period, country was awash with lars, particularly over the give years. This had dynamic growth in the large now faced with a ridering choice of homes their savings.

Instead of keeping their lay in their current lants, Colombians are laws for banks belong to the large of their current lants, Colombians are lands for Banco Industrial Colombiano from Medellin BiC stands for Banco Industrial Colombiano from Medellin banks, Colombians are lands in deposits and opicial certifications and time deposits of side of time deposits of saving). Time deposits and time deposits a groups which interest that the large of the banks of began to develop closer relations and time deposits of savings.

The Banco de Bogotá, which interest that the large wind in 1980.

In growth of financial gained the banking scene dislodged from its perch by sidiary in the Cayman and the Banco de Colombia, regained the top spot in terms of assets it courtols in 1980.

The Banco de Colombia, residiary in the Cayman and the Banco de Colombia is and the Banco de los Andes from Ecuador.

One bank to watch, which the past 18 years, has conjugated rather than underly debe banks' position, amic group in the user special prompts the most dynamic group in the user special prompts the most dynamic group in the user special prompts the most dynamic group in the user special prompts the most dynamic group in the user special prompts the most dynamic group in the user special prompts the most dynamic group in the user special prompts the most dynamic group in the user special prompts the most dynamic group in the user special prompts the most dynamic group in the user special prompts the most dynamic group in the user special prompts the most dynamic group in the user special prompts the prompts the most dynamic group in the user special prompts the pr is rapidly moving up the league, is the Banco del Estado, which is not controlled by the state. The Banco del Estado has trolled by the state. The Banco del Estado has recently acquired the Banco

> Coffee is traditionally the main earner of Colombia's Hector Melo overtaken by cannabis.

export revenue, but some believe it may have been

Foreign policy

# Andean Pact takes on political flavour

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A large country with great regional differences and have had democratic systems for many years—chough the hast tended to be primarily taken up with its own affairs. Its foreign policy has been largely concerned with relations with its neighbours and in particular with its partners in the Andean Part.

Relations with the United States are also important, however, both in the States are also important, however, both in the Anastasio Somoza of Nicarpolitical and economical like other members of the Andean Pact, and Colombia, like other members of the Andean Pact, and Colombia, like other members of the Andean Pact, and Colombia, like other members of the Andean Pact, and Colombia, like other members of the Andean Pact, is anxious to improve trade with the European Community, so that there is greater access for its products in Western Europe.

For the United States, Nacional and pressing Colombia has a special signature seen and pressing Colombia has a special signature of the special colombia has a special signature of the flow of the regulations of the flow of the regulations with its meighbour of the insurgents of the Andean Pact, and Colombia has a special signature of the Andean Pact and part in the negotiations with its countries and part in the negotiations with the common foreign as the insurgents of the Frente pear Community, so that there is greater access for its products in Western Europe.

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there have open artempts to coup, for instance, it was less establish a common foreign activist than Ecuador. The policy. This trend was endouraged by the Carter whole condemned the coup, administration in Washing-carried out by the armed too, which saw the pact as forces under the leadership a democratic counterweight of General Luis Garcia to the military governments Meza; and Colombia, as the

Venezuela has refused. tension between the two countries over the large num-bers of Colombians, possibly

For the United States, Colombia has a special significance as the source of many of the drugs that flow into the country. Colombia produces marijuana and is a trans-shipment centre for cocaine from Peru and Bolivia. The Government has been under American pressure for some years to curb the flow, and has taken measures to do so, though the flow is far from having been stopped.

Set up in 1969, the Andean Pact is first and foremost an economic undertaking, designed to bring about a streadly increasing integration of the member countries' common foreign a founder member, having a founder member and the founder mem President Luis Herrera Cam-pins of Venezuela sent a letter to the two coun-tries offering to belp to At the same time there is resolve the dispute; Ecuador accepted but Peru refused.

Peter Strafford

### Contraband

## Drugs no drug on market

a love-hate relationship with death.
the world of illicit drugs. As Pushed by the United a major grower and exporter States, the Colombian Govof high grade cannabis the erment has tried a number
country has long been under of measures including milipressure from the United tary columns in wilder areas. economy, On the other hand although there were suc it is difficult to stifle a com- cesses such as the devasta modity which some estimate tion of a valley of cannable

Panamericano and the Banco de America Latina.

oncentration shows no signs of weakening, despite problems in the more traditional sectors of the Colombian economy. It is likely to continue unchecked well into this decade, despite complaints about the automated with the completion of the compl

The process of growth and

to be a larger export than reported to be 50 miles long coffee. the occupation of the troops complicate matters brought opposition to their To complicate matters brought opposition to their Colombia, because of its methods and eventual withgeographical position and drawal. It has been estimated that full controls has also become an important transit point for the flow of fashionable cocaine from other South American ernment is mindful of the countries and the drug is economic potential underchallenging cannabis for the drug window at which small market.

In essence the problems of pesos with no questions

In essence the problems of pesos with no questions Colombia are those of many asked. Two years ago countries in the Third World Colombia's leading federawhich find they have a com- tion of industrialists and modity which can bolster financiers seriously put for-their economies but also ward the possibility of legal-earns them the disapproba-tion of Western nations. mic and social advantages

Were it not for the grow-which could accrue.
ing Western market in ilbeit
drugs in the 1960s and 1970s trade might help to lead to
Colombia would not be on social instability and the
the horns of a dilemma since sort of governments so often the crop has expanded to seen elsewhere in South meet that demand. Until the America. Although the Government were small and Colombian society tended to treat pared to "socialize" the inthe drug with great suspi- come from the drug trade.

cion. This appears to mean the country, however, was accepting what is de facto the centre of a lucrative if not de jure. smuggling trade to and from This applies to cocaine, as the United States during the well. Observers believe that coffee boom of the early the cannabis crop is in decign. As a result of this line, partly because of bag trade American smugglers harvests and partly because are believed to have intro- of the attractions of the duced the seeds of Mexican money to be made from cannabis to produce a new cocalne.

strain bred with the indigenous plant. The result was which funnelled crops
cannabis with a high concent through Colombia are now tration of the active ingre-said to be improving their dient.

The timing was felicitious ing the Colombian gangs out for there are those who mark In response the Colombians the rise of the Colombian are reported to be increasing the colombian are reported to be increasing their own output. Last the Americans successfully year government forces unbrought the traffic from the covered an advanced processes Indies under course, sing plant.

Certainly it is a trade which has rapidly expanded.

In 1979 it was estimated york two years ago police by one source that 25 cm investigators.

In 1979 it was estimated by one source that \$5,000 acres were under cultivation, producing 15,000 toones a year. Two thirds of this crop is exported with 85 per cent going to the United States. Inside Colombia thousands of families rely on the crop in some way for their livelihood and at the top are the natimberos.

York two years ago police investigators uncovered a transport system using Colombian freighters. Carbains crop is exported with 85 goes were dumped overboard on the way in at a pre-determined point and, later, swimmers would go out to recover the drugs out to recover the drugs should be a some years. some years. Whether Colombia top are the narimberos,

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Both the Mafia in the
United States and a Colompian variation are now said to be in control of the trade. Miami has become a major centre for dealing and much

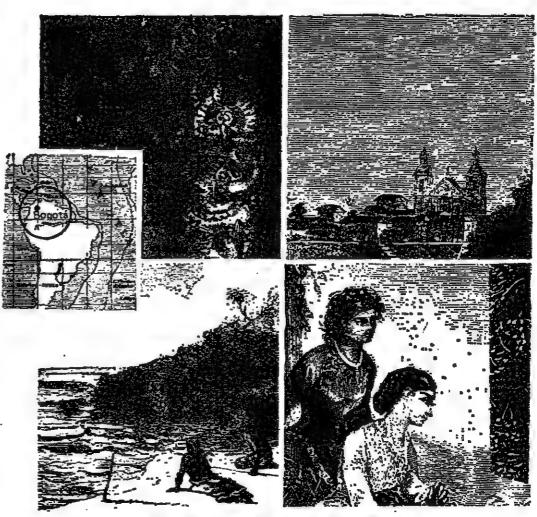
benefit from this trade-juggling the profits against the international pressure for controls—remains to be seen. There is little doubt f the produce is moved into istration in Washington will the eastern seaboard.

Only 20 per cent of the money generated is thought mean fresh pressure. Articology and the company of the mean fresh pressure. Articology are the company of the co to return or remain in udes towards cannabis have Colombia but it is enough to relaxed in many countries produce the usual tales of but cocaine is still regarded, corruption. One regional gov. rightly or wrongly, on a par ernor resigned last year with heroin.

Stewart Tendler Crime Reporter

# The golden gate of South-America

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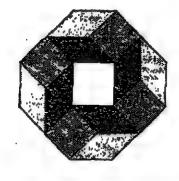
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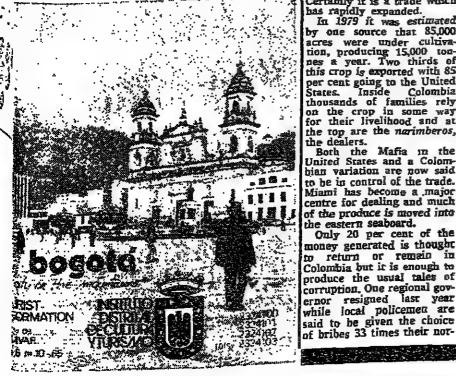
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# Poised for great leap forward into age of coal

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Colombian mining tradition, which centred on gold and emeralds, is turning to coal, nickel and eventually uranium. There are brighter prospects for phosphate rock, bauxite and copper. The Government will spend \$24m this year to boost mining mine is a joint venture in development and arrest the decline of a sector whose contribution to the gross domestic product fell to 1 per cent at the beginning of the 1970s.

Now Colombia is poised for its great leap forward into coal power. Carbocol, the parastatal coal company, and Intercor, an Exxon substidiary, are jointly developing the north block of the huge El Cerrajon coal deposit in the Guajira Department, which contains an estimated 3,000 million tonnes of low sulphur, low ash, and steam coal, generating 14,000 British thermal units. The project will consist of two open cast sites, to be excavated down to 200 metres, at an estimated cost of \$3,000m. Production will be on a tremendous scale, reaching 15 million tonnes a year in its first phase and spossibly 25 million tonnes by 1990.

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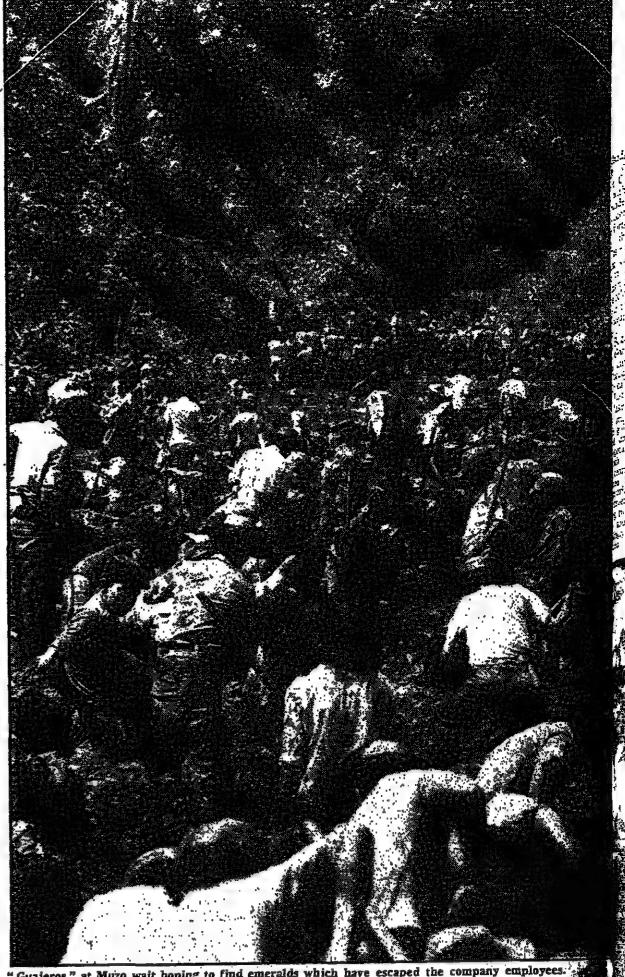
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About 375 million tonnes emerald mining centre. Pro-About 375 million tonnes emerald mining centre. Proof bauxite have been found duction figures for 1979 are in and around the Cauca reported to be 894,800 Valley, but preliminary carats. The United States exploratory work still continues. The country's first the output and Japan asbestos mine went into production in 1980 in Antioquia, with a capacity of 20,000 tonnes a year.

Alan Robinson



Alan Robinson "Guajeros" at Muzo wait hoping to find emeralds which have escaped the company employees.

### Energy

# Oil firms are drilling holes all over the countryside

Colombia ceased to be selfsufficient in petroleum in
1975 and having fallen from
that state of economic grace
is now striving to regain it.
Foreign oil companies between the prospects are
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1985", he said. Imports of 19 per cent of consumption, been the participation conwhile Colombia must also import 35 per cent of the petrol it uses. Proved reserves of crude amount to nationals put up the risk down nearly 23,000ft, in 680 million barrels, but only capital, come in and drill, some places they have gone 25 per cent of the country's and Ecopetrol only puts up town about 25,000ft", he its share of the investment said. "Crude is rare at that when oil or gas is struck.

at that". in hydroelectric plants and In these circumstances, the 28 per cent in oil or coalfed power stations. The potential hydroelectric capacity of the country is 93,000 MW, "which would meet our demand until the start of the next century".

Colombia's vast coal seams —80 per cent of estimated reserves—are in the huge Electric country. They are extincted to the country. They are extined to the Government. "that could turn into a big that could turn into a 162MW last year, 72 per cent talking to the Government.

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cities.

John Collins, Chairman and Managing Director of Shell Colombia.

Dr Luis Enrique Giraldo Neira, Vice-Minister of Mines and Energy, gave some figures: crude oil production is 122,947 barrels a day, leaving a daily deficit of 50,000 barrels. "We will make up that deficit by 1985", he said. Imports of Image of the relative abundance of energy resources abundance of energy resources, a severe shortage of official funds has prevented their satisfactory development. Petroleum is still the most used resource, although oil reserves are comparatively low, while the immense hydroelectric resources contribute less than any of the official funds has prevented their satisfactory development. Petroleum is still the very useful in the future, make Colombia attractive to business."

Señor Javier Fernandez, the Vice-Minister of Finance, is sure that Colombia will become self-sufficient for petroleum in the near future.

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drilling boles all over the countryside.

But if the prospects for more petroleum are promising, those based on the nation's hydroelectric, coal and natural gas potential are even more so. "Colombia could be in for an energy on the fringe of the bigger ested in coal, nickel and on the fringe of the bigger ested in coal, nickel and on the fringe of the bigger ested in coal, nickel and chemicals. "The chances of finding more crude oil

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According to Mr Ray O'Mara.

Recent oil and gas strikes have been made at several places close to the Venezue lan border, mostly of heavy oil. "Colombia has no refinery capable of upgrading it at the moment", Mr O'Mara said. One such strike was at Campo Puerto in department "that could turn into a big one", he said. He added: "Geologically speaking, much of Colombia is an un-

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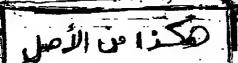
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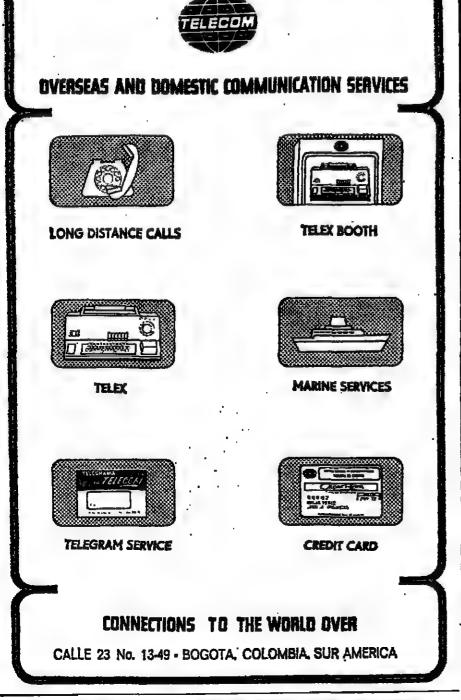
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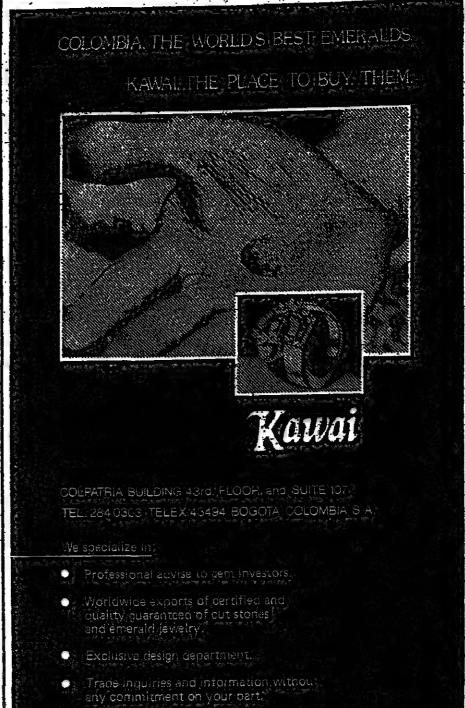
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families of Colombia hail.

At the very southern main city of the coast, Santa extreme, below the equator, Marta, Blessed with a dry lies Leticia. An Amazon desert-like climate, Santa river port, with a few small naval vessels, it is a curious in 1525, is one of the most frontier town perched on popular resorts of Colombia, the borders of both Peru and Besides its own golden sands, Brazil, and is used by many Santa Marta offers neighbouring attractions such as way down the Amazon or the unspoilt fishing village when making short jungle of Taganga and the Tayrona National Park, with its urs. National Park, with Over 1,100 miles away on varied beaches, dense i





The people of Medellin are the country's most industrious, but these youngsters in the city know how

# They dreaded Drake's drum but liked the British

Tales of Sir Francis Drake, Francis Drake, took Río de the buccaneers and their and Santa Marta many times, Cartagena ustable abandoned the siega and still stir the hearts of every ally being a harder nut. Santa Marta proved so easy that Drake had to put on a for its triumph was awarded and glory. But the actual show of capturing the town is generally less well known. It be area which was called the Spanish Main is the northern Caribbean coast of South America, stretching from Portobelo and Nombre de Dios in the west to Trinidad in the east. Today, Portobelo is in Panama, and the rest of the coast is shared by Venezuela and Colombia. The Colombian constal towns of Cartagena, Santa Marta and Rio de la Nacha loom large in the Spanish of the succession of the coast is shared by Venezuela and Colombian constal towns of Cartagena, Santa Marta and Rio de la Nacha loom large in the succession of the succession of the succession of the succession of the coast is shared by Venezuela and Colombian constal towns of Cartagena, Santa Marta and Rio de la Nacha loom large in the succession of the coast is shared large in the succession of the succession of the coast is shared large in the succession of the succession of the coast is shared by Venezuela and Colombian constal towns of Cartagena, Santa Marta and Rio de la Nacha loom large in the succession of the succession o

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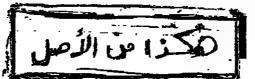
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# **BUSINESS NEWS**

Stock markets FT Index 497.8, down 4.2 FT Gilts 69.26, down 0.08

\$2.2260, down 25 points Index 99.3, up 0.1

Index 99.9, up 0.3

DM2.1145, up 70 points

\$491.50, down \$8

**■** Money 3 mth sterling 121-12} 3 mth Euro-\$ 1614-1614 6 mth Euro-\$ 163-16!

### -INBRIEF

### Conditions waived to ree \$400m Chrysler aid

Chrysler may receive the 400m in additional Federal ian guarantees it needs, even lied with parts of its earlier nancing agreements with lashington.

In its determination to preant a Chrysler bankruptcy, the overnment has retroatively aived about a dozen specific iministrative and financial quirements of the company's

scue plan. Meanwhile, Chrysler said it Meanwhile, Chrysler said it id cleared the final major ardle in its effort to secure ie use of the added \$400m hen the last of its 150 lenders gned a revised debt agreeent, on Wednesday.

The \$400m offering of United ates government-backed notes as carry a yield of more than ay carry a yield of more than per cent.

### ew director for ank of England

Mr Anthony Leonis aged 44, ink of England in charge of rerseas operations, has been pointed an executive director place of Mr Christopher ow who has reached retire-

ent age. Mr Dow, the Bank's top econoic adviser, is to retain his esent responsibilities within e Bank and becomes an lyiser to the Governor, Lord bens of Woldingham is stepjoint chairman of S. G. War-ing & Co. rector and his place on the

### acility withdrawn

The German Federal Bank is withdrawn its special Lomurd lending facility for com-ercial banks, introduced on 'edoesday at a 12 per cent

### ompeda deal

A computer-aided system for lant design management has ten sold by Compeda, a sub-diary of the National Research evelopment Corporation, to ummus, the American enginering construction organiza-

### ink extended

The trial marketing link bereen Prudential Assurance ompany and the Leicester wilding Society in the West ountry is to be extended ationally.

### **Voolwich loans**

The Woolwich Building Socity is to make an additiona 5m available for lending in forthern Ireland and part of te money will provide special ssistance for the purchase and improvement of "rural ottages ".

### 400.000m oil

The value of North Sea oil liscovered so far is £400,000m. Ar Hamish Gray, Minister of tate at the Department of inergy, said in answer to a written parliamentary question.

### Jerman Ford

Ford-Werke AG said it would nvest DM620m (about £132m) within the next two years on nodernizing production at its lenk, Belgium, plant.

# new strategy to effect recovery in real economy

Any economic recovery in Britain is still two years away, according to new forecasts published today by the National Institute for Economic and Social Research. This is in flat contradiction to recent ministerial statements suggesting that an upturn in the economy is likely in the next few

Because of the prolonged re-cession and a continuing rise design and a confining rise in unemployment, the Government's objectives for cutting both its spending and the growth in the money supply during the next couple of years are not now attainable, the National Institute says in its latest Economic Review. Instead the Covernment is presed. stead the Government is urged to adopt a "new economic strategy which concentrates upon recovery in the real econ-

The review contains an illuctrative set of policy changes, including a cut in indirect taxes, a postponement of the tax relief changes for stocks, and a temporary lower ex-change rate, which could re-duce unemployment by 210,000 by the end of 1982.

The lastitute estimates that such a package of stimulating measures would raise the public sector borrowing require-ment by £3,000m in the next financial year and £2,000m in the one after, and increase the money supply 4 per cent by end-1982.

The Institute does not be-lieve, however, that such a pack-age of policy changes would be inflationary. The reduction in indirect taxes would offset the upward influence on prices of the fall in the exchange rate. Moreover although lower un-employment would mean that employment would mean that the downward pressure exerted on wage claims would be weaker, higher real incomes would act as a moderating in-

The institute says, its fore-casts do not suggest the British economy is yet near the point where the recession will "borSUMMARY OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE'S FORECAST

	Real GDP (per cent change, year/year, 1975 prices)	Real personal prisposable income (per cent change, year/year)	Upempley- ment (leurth quarter million)*	Money supply (per cent change in sterling [63, fiscal years)	Consumer Prices (per cent change, fourth quarter an fourth quarter)	Current account, balance ( year, 1, billion)	Public sector perceiling requirement (liscal year, 2 b)lings (	
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tom out" and give rise to a spontaneous recovery that is sufficiently strong to reverse the present paths of output and unemployment.
While the gross domestic

product will stop falling, it is not expected to rise. Unemployment will therefore go on rising over the next two years, to-wards the three million mark. On present policies, the institute's economists cannot foresee any spootaneous recovery coming from either private in-vestment, stockbuilding, the trade balance, or personal con-

The Review is not even particularly optimistic about the outlook for inflation, which is expected to come down into single figures this year and then level out not far below 10

The National Institute is geneerally Keynesian in its economic analysis and employs a fore-casting model of the economy which has many characteristics common to that used by the Treasury. It frankly describes Britain's

sbort and medium-term growth prospects as "blesk", forecast-ing a further fall of 1.3 per cent in the real gross domestic product during 1981. This will follow a drop of 2.7 per cent last year. In 1982 the real GDP is pre-

dicted to rise by a mere 0.2 per cent. However, real personal disposable income shows a small rise both this year and next, because earnings for those manufactures in work rise clightly people in work rise slightly

requirement (PSBR) in the present financial year is predicted to reach £14,000m. This compares with an initial forecast by the Government in the last Budget of £8.500m and a revised figure of £11,500m only

last November. In the coming financial year the PSBR is predicted by the National Institute to remain high, at some £12,000m. It will be £11,000m the year after that, according to their calculations. In its medium-term financial

strategy, published last March, the Government aimed to reduce public borrowing to about 32 per cent of the nation's gross domestic product in the financial year 1980-81, and then cut it further to 3 per cent and 21 per cent in the following two financial years.

But according to the National Institute's calculations, public sector borrowing in 1980-81 will reach 6 per cent of the gross domestic product (higher than was in 1978-79). In the following years, the percentages will be 41 and 4.

The Government is expected

have a similar difficulty holding to its money supply

targets.
The pound's effective exchange rate against a basket of currencies is forecast to rise steadily, to stand 11.7 per cent higher in the last quarter of 1982 than it did two years earlier. The surplus on the curreat account of the balance of ext. because earnings for those beople in work rise slightly aster than prices.

The public sector borrowing to E3,200m in 1982.

# More jobs at ICI likely to go

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costs of £150m after its retrenchment in the past year. Most of this, amounting to £95m, arises in the fibres divi-sion where ICI has cut the workforce by 4,500.

Another £26m comes from a reduction in the value of the group's holding in Carrington Viyella, which has also been hard hit by the textiles recession and announced losses of more than £30m on Wednesday.

Group sales increased by 6 per cent to £5,715m last year of which £1,173m was exported. The chairman blamed the company's poor performance on the deep recession throughout the world, the sharp rise in costs, particularly oil which had added £100m to the group's raw materials bill, and the strength of sterling. He also accused the Government of allowing a "two-tier" inflation rate develop, with price increases in the public sector fer higher than the

The worst trading areas for ICI last year were the United Kingdom and Europe, Canada, the Far East, and South Africa held up well. Losses were concentrated in four areas. Business fibres lost £86m; organics lost £35m; petrochemicals lost £44m; plastics lost £35m. ICI has spent the year fight-ing hard to maintain its market

ing hard to maintain its market share but at the expense of margins, and by the end of 1980 was selling many of its exports at costs that "barely covered production costs".

Sir Maurice defended the dividend cut by saying that it had been forced on the group because of the "markedly worse" outlook and not because of "social reasons".

of "social reasons". Some European chemical companies have claimed to be seeing an improvement in demand but ICI, partly because of the adverse currency posi-tion, has had difficulty in making price vises stick so far this year. But it was clear yesterday that Sir Maurice had

a message for the Government when he said that "it was the combination of the strength of sterling and the relatively high rates of inflation that were the problem ". Investment plans had been

cur sharply, and there would be a further "very substantial reduction" this year. Author-ized capital spending in 1980 was £324m, against more than £550m in 1979. Actual spending on new plant and equipment in 1980 was more than £2m a day at £724m, only £36m down on the previous

year. The effect of the reductions in authorizations, begun in 1979, would not be reflected in actual spending until next The Confederation of British

Industry said last night it hoped that the results would help to persuade the Govern-ment to lift in the Budget some of the cost burden borne by industry.

# Government urged to adopt Stockbroking firms locked in talks

Partners of two well-known rartners of two well-known stockbroking firms Quiller Hilton Goodison and Hedderwick Stirling Grumbar were locked in lengthy talks, widely thought to be merger discussions, at Quilter's Gresham Street offices last night

last night.

The talks follow difficulties in Hedderwick's gilt-edged business, which has been involved in two Stock Exchange inquiries in as many years. Quilter Hilton Goodison's senior partner is Mr Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the Stock Exchange. Mr Wallis Hunt became senior partner of Hedderwick last year when Mr Ralph Hedderwick retired.

Talks between the two firms

Talks between the two firms had been categorically denied the previous day by both Mr Hunt and Mr Richard Blaxland, managing partner of Quilter.

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Yesterday's meeting started at Spm and was still underway two hours later, after a day of rumours ranging from a merger of the two firm's to Hedderwick's possible withdrawal from stockbroking.

Quilter has been known to be seeking a marriage partner for some time, while Hedderwick was widely rumoured to be in difficulties ever since problems arose over its gilt-edged department two years ago.

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A year-long Stock Exchange inquiry by a committee which reported in February 1980 led to the temporary suspension from exchange membership of three of Hedderwick's partners, the consuming of them managing the consuring of then managing director Mr Colin Franklin, and the expulsion from Stock Eychange membership of the former head of the firm's gilts Terence department,

Mr webster, who had resigned in 1979, was said in the result of the inquiry to have acted to benefit certain discretionary accounts without defending the best interests of all clients, The Stock Exchange passed its findings on to the City of London Fraud Squad. Mr Franklin retired last year.

The three suspended partners resigned immediately from the firm, which began to try to rebuild its gilts department. But only four months later it was caused further embarrassment when, in June last year, suggestions that Hedderwick might have lent gilt-edged stock to jubber Wedd & Owen, which ceased trading that month, led to the start of another Stock Exchange inquiry just as Mr Wallis Hun; stepped into the retiring senior partner's shoes.



Mr Nicholas Goodison

### Pergamon declares 7 pc stake in **Collins**

By Philip Robinson

Mr Robert Maxwell, who is awaiting BPC shareholders' approval for his proposed £10m cash injection and his appointment as chief executive and deputy chairman, disclosed yesterday that his private company, Pergamon Press has acquired almost 7 per cent of William Collins & Sons (Holdings), the Glasgow-based publisher.

Collins, which owns Fontana paperback books, began to make osses in 1979 but has since been recovering.
Mr Duncan McGhie,

finance director, said: "We are not surprised at the stake. It was revealed only a few weeks was revealed only a few weeks ago that Witham Investments had bought 8.35 per cent, so people are buying our shares. There has been no contact between this group and Mr Maxwell other than the letter his representatives sent notify-ing us of th estake."

Pergamon began buying Collins shares last October under the name of Norman Nominees. It is believed its first buy was a parcel of 10,000 shares and by mid-November Collins had discovered that the beneficial

owner was Pergamon.
In December Down Nominees began buying shares and within fortaight Collins discovered this too was buying on beha of Pergamon. Mr McGhie said that Down

Nominees continued as the main

buyer of stock, but he did not yet know on what date the Pergamon holding went above 5 per cept, the level at which it is obliged by law to declare a stake. Pergamon's present holding is 282,500 shares, 6.86 per cept of the total wains acquire. cent of the total voting equity. Pergamon was building the Collins stake at the same time that Mr Maxwell was organizing a rescue package for BPC (formerly British Printing Corporation). Last July he staged a "dawn raid" in which he captured a 29.5 per cent stake in what is thought to be Europe's largest printing group. Mr Maxwell, was unavailable for comment last night but a spokesman for him at BPC's headquarters said: "He's to persuade the Govern-to lift in the Budget of the cost burden borne dustry.

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### Minister's ruling today on Lonrho bid for House of Fraser

By Philip Robinson

Mr John Biffen, Secretary of State for Trade, is expected to announce today whether Lonrbo's £158m takeover bid for the House of Fraser will be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission for investigation.

yesterday that the group made at least £34m pretax profits last year. It hopes to hoist the total dividend 10 per cent and mow bas assets worth 302p a share.

The figures come from its formal defence document which details the reasons for the vestigation.

Recommendations from the Office of Fair Trading went to the Trade Department yesterday afternoon following a Mergers Panel meeting on Wednesday which considered submissions from both com-panies and the views of four

government departments.

The urgency for a decision stems from the fact that next Wednesday Lourho's shareholders meet to approve the company's 150p a share offer for Britain's largest stores The meeting in London at 10 am is to consider only one resolution, after which Lonrbo,

30 million shares needed to Meanwhile, Fraser directors

which already owns 29.99

details the reasons for the rejection of Lourho's offer as rejection of Lourho's offer as "totally unacceptable" and says that shareholders should hold on to their "supervalue shares" and "supervalue assets." Professor Roland Smith, Fraser's part-time chairman—who moved up from deputy chairman a month ago when the board voted out Sir Hugh Fraser—said: "This company is a massive and marvellous is a massive and marvellous

giant which is beginning to awake. For anyone wishing to sell their shares in these conditions—well then money must be going out of fashion." Mr Paul Spicer, a Lonrho director, said: "If the shares and assets are so super value, why does not Warburgs why does not vi (Fraser's merchant

cent of Fraser, could walk into the Stock Market and buy the advisers) make us a super offer for our shares." Professor Smith said that fighting the bid,, disclosed Fraser's profit figures come

from trading boosted by a very good January and do not include any exceptional items or financial engineering of any kind. Profits mean the Group made £33m in the six months to the end of January, 12 per cent more than the pre-vious second half and against

£35,5m for 1979. The dividend, likely to be lifted to a gross 9.428p, is expected to be covered on an inflation adjusted Current Cost

Accounting basis.

Both sides are claiming substantial institutional support. Professor Smith says there is evidence that the big institutions, which hold around 35 per cent of the total equity, fully support the defence document and will remain with the com-pany. Mr Spicer said: "If I had to put a figure on our known support, I would say we had 40 per cent."

Fraser's long-awaited revaluation of its property by Conrad Ritblat yields a total of £335.9m, a surplus of £185m over hook value. For the first time Harrods is separated out and on an existing use basis is worth £95m.
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### Bonn unable to match **US** aid for Turkey

will be unable to match a United States contribution of about \$400m (£180m) to the interna-tional credit aid package to Turkey, informed sources here said.

Mr Turgut Ozal, deputy prime minister of Turkey, said after talks with Herr Hans Matthöfer, finance minister of West Germany yesterday, that Washington would put \$395 to \$400m towards the \$1,200m package Turkey was seeking from the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

The sources said there was no question of West Germany, which has balance of payments and budgetary problems, match-ing the heightened American contribution. Mr Ozal said Herr Matthöfer

had suggested a pledging con-ference on the 1981 OECD Tur-key credits in the first week of May, somewhat later than the Turkish side had hoped for. A spokesman for the West lined that this was not a firm proposal from Herr Matthöfer, but was the earliest possible date for the German government to commit financial aid to Turkey this year.

Mr Ozal was reported in Paris

vesterday to have said that Turkey wanted \$1,500m from the OECD this year, which included the expected contribution from Saudi Arabia, not a member of the organization.

The main contributors to the 1981 OECD credit package would be the same as last year: the United States, West Ger-many and Japan, he said.

Mr Ozal said that while West Germany was not able to make its commitment to the credit package yet, he expected Bonn to play a key rôle in assembling the credits, after leading OECD efforts in 1979 and 1980.

### **Bankers** to meet on Polish debts

Poland's Poland's grim economic situation and huge foreign debts are to be at the centre of disbankers and representatives of Bank Handlowy, the Polish foreign trade bank, in London next Thursday.
They will be talking about

the possibility of rescheduling the country's foreign debts running at about \$24,000m, Mr Jan Wolozyn, vice-president of Bank Handlowy, will lead the Polish side in the talks with some 100 banking representa-

creditor countries have agreed to provide urgent short-term aid to Poland. A statement issued in Paris last night said that a number of delegations had already agreed to urre the r governments to act quickly with implementing the short-term aid plans.

The Paris group is to meet again in April to further study Poland's external financial

### £2,700m cash rescue plan for Italian steel industry

drafted a bill to rescue the steel industry by the injection of 6,068,000m lire (nearly £2,700m), mostly into Finsider, the public sector group.

board of IRI, Finsider's parent, to meet tomorrow to find emer-gency funds of about 35,000m lire (about £15.5m) to cover Finsider's February wages bill.

lire already allocated on paper under the law on the rationalization of industry.

# Mr Oppenheimer switches stakes

ferring its 29.8 per cent stake in Consolidated Gold Fields to a Bermuda company, Minerals and Resources Corporation.

the promissory notes of Anglo American Corporation of Canada, giving it an indirect 44.8 per cent stake in Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting, another Canadian company.

Beers group controlled by Mr be "at least" 30 cents.

Harry Oppenheimer, is transferring its 29.8 per pers shares. The assets are valued at about \$807m, and Minorco will issue another 59.3 million shares representing a capital

> American. As a result, Anglo American's stake in Minorco will rise from 32 per cent to 42 per cent, and De Beers's interest will be 23 per cent instead of 16 per cent. Charter's stake in Minorco will fall, however, to 10 per cent from 14.7 per cent.

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Mr Harry Oppenheimer,
chairman of Anglo, De Beers
and Minorco, said yesterday
that an enlarged Minorco would
allow the Anglo group to
expand, particularly into North
America.

to be big and powerful enough to, as far as possible, finance itself so that it is not a question when you want to do inter-national business of always having to export money from South Africa." After the

Minorco's assets should be about 52,000m against \$650m at the end of last year. Earnings per share could rise from 27 cents a share last year to 45 cents a share in the current year, if the rearrangement goes through. A crucial aspect of the operation, Mr Oppenheimer said, is that Minorco will escape from holding about 75 per cent of its assets in one company, Engelhard Minerals, an American mining and precious metal. can mining and precious metal refining concern.

Net asset value per share is forecast to grow by 83 cents to \$12.05, and debt will be reduced as a proportion of share-holders' funds.

Talbot makes a break with established procedures to speed output

# to lowest since 1930s

state-owned shipbuilding industry last year sank to its lowest level since the years of the great depression of the mid-thirties. Tonnage completed tumbled to 421,000 tons gross, representing a fall of nearly a third

on the previous year's output and equivalent to less than half the average annual output levels of the early and mid-seventies. The low level of output re-flects the continued lack of orders world-wide and even

Register of Shipping, coincided with the formal opening of a new training centre for shipyard workers on Tyneside by Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Employment.

Speaking at the opening Mr Robert Atkinson, British Ship-builders' chairman, said the present restructuring of the industry was a painful process and it had been "heart-rending" to see parts of it disappear along with thousands of jobs.

He gave warning: "If we are to even exist in our present form, significant changes of attitude to productivity must be accomplished resulting in a reduction of unit cost ".

The latest Lloyd's survey showed that Britain has slipped to eleventh place in the world league table of major shipbuilding nations, with an order

### The Grange Trust Limited

\*Net Asset Value up 44.3 %

\*Earnings increased 21%

The Chairman, C. Alan McLintock, C.A., reports another successful year. He draws attention to the success achieved by concentrating the portfolio in relatively strong sectors-oil, gas and related services and financials -and to the higher proportion of overseas investment. We believe, he says, that the best prospects for stock-

holders lie in a balanced portfolio of equities of good quality which we have built up over the years. We endeavour to invest primarily in established businesses with growth prospects and despite the probability of a number of reduced dividends, we believe that this will have no more than a marginal impact on our revenue

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Rome, Feb 26 The Italian Government has

# Workers in Finsider plants

Signor Gianni de Michelis, the minister for state owned industry told a meeting of public sector managers and trade union leaders that the govern-

PRICE CHANGES

### have been on strike because the group said that it could not afford to pay more than 70 per cent of wages this month.

The rescue plan which has yet to be submitted to Parlia-ment, consists of a capital grant by finsider over three years of 2,568,000m lire; bond issues by 2,568,000m lire; bond issues by IRI, guaranteed by the state and with a treasury contribution towards interest payments, amounting to 2,500,000m lire, in favour of finsider; and bond issues by Istituto Mobiliare Italiano, with a government contribution towards interest, in favour of private companies and probably amounting to 1,000,000m lire.

The government also intends to mobilize a further 1,148,000m

# increase of 59.4 per cent. The stake in Cous Gold is equally held by Doe Beers and Anglo

It is also injecting into Minorco its 35.8 per cent stake in Charter Consolidated, the industrial and mining finance house. Minorco's assets will be increased by acquiring the 50 per cent of the equity in and

Minorco also reported earnings before taxes for the half year to the end of December of \$16.7m, compared with \$10.2m. Shareholders will receive an interim dividend of 6 cents, and a possible final of 16 cents. Dividends for the year

He said: "We want Minorco

Doing it the French way at Ryton Taibor has followed the manager, said Ryton could not closure announcement of its continue to work to lower standards than those applying in mediately apparent that there are supported working other factories in the parent was little support for industrial practices at Ryton, its only surviving car plant near Coventry.

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practices at Ryton, its only surviving car plant near Coventry.

In a break with established procedures, it has set lower manning levels, cut job times and declared that in future management will increase track speeds when necessary without consulting shop stewards.

Over 500 Ryton workers have been made redundant in recent weeks reducing the labour the management weeks reducing the labour the management workers necessary without consulting shop stewards.

Shop stewards protested that when a feature warning that wa weeks reducing the labour the unilateral move cut across achieved last summer, but with force to only 1,700. In a letter all existing procedures and a much reduced labour force to the remainder last week, Mr retaliated by calling worker retaliated by calling worker to allay job fears at the nearby

Stoke engine plant by intimat-ing that the loss of engines and gearboxes for Linwood's soon to be axed Avenger and Sun-beam models will be offset by increased assembly of engines for the Horizon

for the Horizon.

Mr Filmer Paradise, deputy managing director of Talbot UK, said the intention is to increase the British content in the Horizon to 60 per cent. It has been made in Talbot's Poissy factory for the past two years and imported to the United Kingdom market as a built-up véhicle.

Clifford Webb

### Yesterday in Paris, western And he added that after his recent talks with the Japanese Government he hoped that Japan would be raising its contribution this year, like Ame-

# Shipyard output sinks

By Peter Hill

Industrial Editor Output of Britain's largely

Japan, whose output reached a peak of nearly 17 million tons in 1975, recorded an out-put of only slightly more than 6 million tons last year.

The decline revealed in the league table of major ship-building performance world-wide and published by Lloyd's totalling 858,000 rons gross.



### Iraq oil flow to Syria restarts

Iraq has resumed pumping crude oil at the rate of 50,000 barrels a day through the trans-Mediterranean pipeline to Syria. Oil flow to the Syrian terminal at Banias has been interrupted twice since the Iran-Iraq war broke out on September 22.

The crude is not expected to reach Banias and the northern Lebanese port of Tripoli until Saturday, Iraq and Syria agreed to a short experimental period during which only 50,000 bar-rels of crude a day will be

Iraqi terminals at the north-ern flank of the Gulf have been bombed by Iranian aircraft and gunboats for the past five

Syria has earned \$25m (£11m) a year in transit fees for Jraqi crude passing through.

### French unemployment

The French National Statistics Institute forecasts a sharp institute forecasts a sharp inceleration in unemployment during the first half of this year despite the Government's youth employment scheme, fall-ing output and persistent infla-

### French deficit

France's current account deficit for 1980 is now estimated at 31,100m francs (about 12,827m) compared with a surplus of 4,913m in 1979 and a surplus exceeding 15,000m in 1973.

### Mexican investment

Mexico plans to invest about \$3,400m (£1,514m) in its basic petrochemicals industry over the next five years. The investment will provide for the construction of nearly 50 processing plants.

### Rupee revalued

The Reserve Bank of India said it had revalued the rupee against the pound by 0.54 per cent to a new middle rate of 18.45 from 18.55. The new buying and selling rates are £5.4348 and £5.4054 per 100 rupees.

### French GDP

France's gross domestic product declined a provisional real 0.2 per cent in the fourth quarter of 1980 after a 0.3 per cent third quarter pain and a 0.5 per cent rise in fourth quarter 1979, the National Statistics Institute said.

### Italy Eurocredit

Italy's Societa Italiana per telefonico nas l'Esercizio signed a 10-year \$100m (140.7m) Eurocredit, increased from the original \$75m. The credit carries a 41 year grace

### Oil search

Major oil discoveries off the coset of China are likely by late 1982 or early 1983, Cononce executives believe. Negotiations on concessions are expected to begin later this year, with exploration to start in early 1982.

### Minicars move

Osaka Meter Company, the Japanese taxi and parking meter maker, said it plans from next April to produce Italian-designed minicars with engines and parts supplied from Italy.

### Oil products prices

Consumer prices for oil products sold inside the European Economic Community dropped sharply in mid-February t per cent on February 16 from 102 per cent the previous week.

### More US cars

Car production in the United Stares this week will be about 132.947 cars, up 1.5 per cent from last week's 131.003 but 12.2 per cent down on the same

### weck last year.

Oil talks fail Japan and China have failed to reach an agreement on the price of China's crude oil for this year, Japanese industry sources said.

### Worries on foreign holiday travel as recession bites into spending

# Tour operators expect tighter year

British travel operators will be unable to maintain the spectacular growth rate of last year during 1981 and profit margins are likely to fall due to more competitive pricing, according to a new report on the sector published yesterday.

The latest Jordan financial survey on United Kingdom travel agents and tour operators says that the main question troubling the industry is whether the current strong demand for foreign holidays will continue as the recession bites into consumer spending.

Mr Robert Tiltscher, the Grieveson

Grant stockbrokers, says in the introduction to the survey that most tour operators' profits have been extremely healthy during the 1980 financial year.

Though the growth rate is not likely to continue, rewards should remain strong, and the flexibility now apparent in all of the major operators should mean that 1981 will be another successful year.

The report singles out Thomas Cook as the most profitable operator, with a ratio Using the formula of pre-interest profits to rangible capital employed, the small Yugotours company led the field, with Thomson Travel and Britannia Airways, the linked market leaders, coming seventh

and fifteenth respectively.

Mr Tiltscher is particularly critical of the performance of British Airways in the charter market which he says, has led tour operators such as Horizon and Intasun to increase their own charter aircraft

The state airline presented a "dismal and depressing scenario", Mr Tikscher said. Excess capacity and overmanning were characteristic of its problems, and future investment in new aircraft had been cancelled or delayed. BA's projections for growth, which envisaged an increase in passengers from 17 million in 1980 to about 30 million in 1986, now appeared

to be rather oppimistic. Trading margins were likely to be under severe pressure during next year and it would appear highly likely that a re-appraisal of the loan limit which was last mouth raised by £85m.

The report says that Laker can be expected to play a major part in the rapidly expanding travel industry in the 1980s, but the group's package tour operations face a problem of potential excess capacity.

Laker's acquisition of the new A300 Airbus will increase the carrier's capacity by some 50 per cent over that of 1980 and by 100 per cent next year, considerably more than any expected rate of increase in the holiday market.

The report comments: "The budgeted programme of expansion for Laker is very ambitious and will need a particularly aggressive marketing strategy for it to

British travel agents & tour operators, Jordan Surveys, £85.

David Hewson

# Japanese choose assisted area in Wales for battery factory

By Edward Townsend and Peter Hazelburst

Yuasa Battery, which makes products for the electronics industry, has become the latest Japanese company to choose a United Kingdom assisted area for new manufacturing investment. It has plans for a factory in South Wales eventually employing 270 people.

The announcement, made by Yuasa during a visit to Tokyo by Mr Nicholas Edwards, the Secretary of State for Wales, provides another boost for the Government's assisted area policy and follows the decision by Nissan to establish a £300m

car manufacturing plant in the United Kingdom.

The arrival of Yuasa, which has selected a site on the Rassau iddustrial estate in Ebbw Vale, is seen as adding strength to Welsh attempts to attract the Nissau investment. Mr Edwards had already said turing his wife that Wales had during his visit that Wales had four suitable sites although he

New guide

to charities

accounting

A report published yesterday

by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and

Wales recommends a more con-

involve charities in additional

effort and expenses. According

to Peter Bird and Peter Morgan-

Jones, the authors, many chari-ties are already using a lot of

effort to produce complex accounts which are difficult to

The suggestions they hope

will redirect rather than in-crease this effort to result in a

more intelligible and useful set

Financial reporting by charities.

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Coal consumption in the

United Kingdom during 1980

exceeded that of petroleum for the first time in a decade. But

both coal and petroleum use declined sharply. Consumption

of petroleum showed a 13 per cent fall to 121 million tonnes

of coal equivalent-a standard

energy measure—and coal fall-ing 5.9 per cent to just under

The fall in energy consump-tion has hit the coal and elec-

tricity industries hard, but allowed the United Kingdom to

move into net oil self-suffici-ency during the year.

methods

By Sylvia Morris

sistent practice.

These are

understand.

of accounts.

help and cooperation could be found in other areas of the United Kingdom,

Like the proposed Nissan plant, the Yuasa project will qualify for regional development grants covering 22 per cent of the capital cost plus discretionary assistance under Section 7 of the Industry Act.

Mr Yuichi Yuasa, president Mr Yuichi. Yuasa, president of the company, said a definite decision on the plant would be given after the conclusion of negotiations. The "clinching factor" in choosing Wales was the quality of the labour force. The company had considered many countries in Europe, but none could match the high standards of the British worker.

The plan was to employ 140 in the first year rising to 270 and reaching full production by 1982. More than 70 per cent of battery output would be exported to Europe and the United States and most of the

raw materials and equipment would be bought locally.

Mr Edwards, who is leading an industrial investment mission to Japan, said: "I think it is a great compliment that after looking at so many other countries, the company has formed such a favourable impression of the Welsh labour force. I know that that has been the experience of other industrialists."

A German company based at

A German company based at Rassau had told him that production was as high if not higher than in their parent company. The local people are extremely adaptable and are extremely adaptable and will settle happily into the Japanese style of management."
Yuasa produces industrial batteries for security alarm equipment, mini computers and emergency lighting. It is capitalized at £12m and controlled by stockholders such as Yuasa Hardware, Mitsui Life Insurance, Mitsui Trust, Nippon Life Insurance and Mitsui

pon Life Insurance and Mitsui Bank.



Mr Lynn Wilson: 125,000 jobs could be created.

### Release of building land could help unemployed'

By John Huxley

Private house-builders could make a large contribution to-wards reducing unemployment in Britain if local authorities provided more land.

Every new house built will provide two and a half jobs a year if those directly employed in construction and other related materials and services supply are added together. Mr Lynn Wilson, president of the House-Builders Federation,

sain in Manchester yesterday. Delay in releasing land meant that someone in Britain was being denied a home of his ow nand someone else a job.
Builders could realistically
start work on an additional
50,000 homes in 1981 on land released by local councils, pro-viding an extra 125,000 jobs "at no cost to the Government ".

"It would require no sub-sidy, it would generate rate revenues for local authorities, it would be largely import-free", he said. Such a building programme would also have an revenues for local authorities, it would be largely importing mother plea for energy free, he said. Such a building programme would also have an important multiplier effect, creating demand for the conflicting strategies.

It is select committee has had a less than smooth ride as the result of its criticisms of the strategy? Your first leader of strategy? Your first leader of pepartment of Energy and the electricity industry—almost for can be any balance of these conflicting strategies.

Heat pumps, incidentally, concern a useful technology that electricity industry—almost for can be and is being misapplied its effrontery in questioning while its need for duplicated decisions of the conflicting strategies. creating demand for the consumer durables needed to fill homes, for example,

Last year, the number The figure for 1979 was 221,000. The sharp decline was ex-plained partly by heavy cuts in public housing "starts", which amounted to little more than

For various reasons, including general economic uncer-tainty and the high price of mortgage finance, the private sector was not able to fill the

### Business names register and public money. But it is no solution to the problem simply to abolish it and replace it with

Sir, The Budget will no doubt

Sir, The Budget will he dudon confirm the imposition of the proposed supplementary petroleum tax which will raise f1,000m to be used to reduce

the public spending borrowing

requirement (PSBR). Apart

from the regrettable precedent

which this sets, being a levy on

gross receipts rather than a tax

on profits, much of the hostility

both inside and outside the oil industry to this additional tax

stems from the belief that it

will go into the general revenue

of the country and be frittered away rather than being used for the much needed regrowth

of British industry or being re-

tained as cash flow in the oil

industry and used in a number of ways which will in them-selves produce benefits, includ-

ing revenue, for the United

We therefore suggest that the

proceeds of the proposed new petroleum tax should go into an Oil Development Fund whose purpose would be to re-generate the industrial life of

this country.

The fund should apply itself particularly to the creation of new industries and to those in-

dustries and areas which are

basically strong in ideas, man-agement and labour but which

are now being forced out of business. The fund should be

used for the private sector of

From Miss Elizabeth Stanton Sir. Today the House of Lords will have the chance to debate a Government proposal which has been condemned as a gravely false economy by lawyers, the business community and consumer organiza-tions: Clause 29 of the Companies Bill, if passed, would abolish the Business names register.

The Business names register is the means whereby members of the public can trace the names of the people who are responsible in a firm and, if you are in serious dispute, it is essential to have the names and addresses of the individuals concerned, not just their trad-

ing name.
The register at present is not very satisfactory and it uses resources of both civil servants

### True level of gas price rise

to be followed by a second increase of 10 per cent. The the total will sur than 27.1 per cent increase of 25 per cent. To the consumer it will no doubt be 26.5 per cent.

The United States President These, the soly, and the control of the total will sur than 27.1 per cent increase of 25 per cent. To the consumer it will no doubt be 26.5 per cent.

West Yorkshire.

logy, very small numbers of people can obtain and maintain full and occurate information; we believe the Register should he self-financing and its use should be enforced. This is not an espteric debating point, but a matter of real concern to the general public. All honest people, traders and consumers alike, are rendered vulnerable by this proposal and we hope the House of Lords will proposel.

the Government's feeble after-natives. With modern techno-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Mr Algy Cluji and others industry as a large proportion world recession and a change Sir, The Budget will no doubt of resources is already being in public sector policies; then confirm the imposition of the allocated to the public sector a new-look lean British industry

often to the detriment of the

The fund should seek through

new growth to promote employ-

available from the proposed

supplementary tax should make

a considerable impact on these

problems. The fund should for

example be used to provide finance on a bigger scale than is available at present to enable

entrepreneurs to develop new

ideas to help newly formed companies with good products

to grow and to assist estab-lished companies with reason-

able prospects to get through

There are of course arguments against the proposal, for example that there are already

public sector and private sector

organizations which do the

same jobs. But the fact remains

that despite the resources and efforts being devoted to indus-

try (and there is hopefully more to come in the forthcom-

ing Budget), the development

of new industries is being held

back and large areas of British industry which should be re-

It is, of course, arguable that it is not another source of finance, however big and flexible, which is needed to re-vive industry but an end to the

vived remain weak

the present recession.

The scale of the money

would emerge ready to take on

However, there is

the world. However, there is little sign of the world reces-sion ending, and it is difficult

given the great momentum of

public sector activities to get

them under control when for

years they have been running

How will it work in prac-tice? We suggest that the con-

trolling beard should consist of

industrialists and businessmen.

including oil men, who can

bring the necessary business ex-posure and flair to the task; that the executive staff should

be imaginative and flexible;

that the expenditure side of the

accounts (for the provision of capital to industry rather than

for the salaries and overheads

annually to equal the income

side; that the fund itself though conducted on sound and

not give-away principles, should

not seek to make a "profit" and that the business of the

fund should be conducted with

a sense of urgency even if that

increases the risk. ALGY CLUFF,

D. L. LUX
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London SWIA 1LD,

Share prices

From Mr Alastnir C. Begg

Sir, It is misleading of Mr

Damant (February 21) to sug-

gest that share prices are autici-pating a recovery in industrial profitability. In real (ie, infla-

tion-adjusted) terms, the FT. Actuaries Industrial Index has

risen by only 9 per cent since November 1979, a time when MLR had just been raised to

record levels and the outlook

was just as bleak as it is today.

Compared with its level at the

time of the Government's elec-

tion, the index has faller by 4

per ceat in naminal terms, and

23 per cent after allowing for inflation. Over the last ten years, the real value of share prices has fallen by almost half.

The argument for examining

profits in the light of inflation

inflation

the fund) should seek

out of control.

Oil fund support for industry

private sector.

will protect us. ELIZABETH STANTON, Secretary, Legislation National Federation of Consumer Groups,

### From Mr Rex Calvert

is by no means spurious. Share-holders have as much right as proposes three successive tax Sir, The Gas Board announce a reductions, each of 10 per cent. These, he says, will amount to 30 per cent. To the beneficiaries the total will surely be no more than 27.1 per cent? REX CALVERT, 649 Barosley Road,

wage corners to expect their remuneration to grow in line with the average price level. ALASTAIR C. BEGG, Flat 1, 1 Milton Avenue, London, N6. February 23.

### Need for a comprehensive energy policy

From Mr Norman Jenkins Munro of Eurisol in the same issue on one aspect of energy conservation and today's (February 20) piece by Kenneth Owen on heat pumps are all associated but appear doomed to individual assessment. The net consideration is total energy need, priority of effort and the amount of fuel or latent energy we should turn into either heat or power-not necessarily the same as heat and power. It is not energy conservation we need, that is mostly negative, but comprehensive energy con-

At the press conference your leader refers to, Mr Peter Rost, MP, one of the Energy Select Committee's most active and best informed members, answered a question concerning better uses for the £15,000m involved. He referred to the continuing activities of the committee now examining the case for combined heat and power—CHP. Again, separate consideration of a crucial alternative to either nuclear, maximum insulation (already answered by the Energy Technology Support Unit) or widespread use of heat pumps.

decisions of the specialists. But is it not their kind of—constructive—criticism just what we need in the way of entirely impartial examination of issues that the lower House at any rate, in common with the rest of the country, tends to leave to the experts? It is becoming increasingly clear to impartial technologists, economists and sociologists as well as industry at large that none of the nationalized industries can be trusted to formulate their own versions of energy policy with-out putting their specific interests before those of the consumer—or the nation. Their remits are such they cannot be blamed for the kind of ultimate zeal that is fostered by unlimited resources.

So long as these industries have the power to make independent decisions demanding priorities, controlling capital expenditure, consumer tariffs and depletion of reserves, and to use their weight to obstruct such developments as CHP (CHP at Hereford remains in isolation, replication is denied the same source of funds; while promoting heat pumps, there

The select committee has had cannot be any balance of these heating equipment when the system ceases to function is ignored together with the reflex effect of peak loading encouragement base load depression

eventually increasing base tariffs. It is part of the same story but too long to go into here, nor should I auticipate publication in the near future n a much respected engineering journal. What Sir J. Dalberg Acton said to Bishop Creighton in 1887, at the very birth of the

electricity industry, applies today. To shift the onus from disparate but, in this sense of strategy irresponsible industries, to an enlarged select committee may be to create absolute power, there is every hope-and likelihood—that the very nature of the job and its pushpull of inevitable interests would cancel out the power that Yours faithfully.

NORMAN JENKINS. Whitehall, Farnham. Surrey, GU10 5BS.

### Intelligence of machines

From Professor Donald Michie sidering the possibility of a Sir, Mr David Torvell's letter Provided that Mr Torvell has some reason to think that Owen's readers might swallow something they should not, we must commend his concern to help them void it.

something that he should not, not from Kenneth Owen's from the names commonly attached to our discipline, artificial intelligence" or machine intelligence". We,

" knowledge The term

engineering", which many pre-fer, is on the other hand satisfactorily descriptive of current accomplishments. These can be described as the transfer of human expertise to machines in one or another domain of mental skill, together with the ability to display and explain the inference chains by which the machine arrives at its conclusions. As Owen makes clear, this new branch of software engineering, which can now be implemented on physically portable micro-computers,

At this point Mr Torvell stubs his toe on a specimen utterance of SRI International's Prospector system, "I am con-

(February 20) gives warning fused it with cosmetic chirthat Kenneth Owen's factual chat of the "Hullo Jimmy" survey of recent research may type. This utterance is recog-encourage superstitious beliefs nisably a fragment churned up in intelligence in machines from Prospector's self-explanation facility. If (one suspects that he has not) Mr Torvell were actually to use an expert system, or even to see one in action, he would soon realize that such self-explanation is not Unfortunately, however, Mr a cosmetic additive, but on the contrary the heart of the system. It is indeed the critical feature differentiating the admirable account but, alas, products of knowledge engineering from software products of standard design.

> of its conclusions, then we may begin to say that in some sense the machine "understands" what it is doing or advising, and hence berrays glimmers or intelligence.

We are, as Mr Torvell notes,

Better advice would be to re solve to believe it when we see it, and meanwhile keep an eye open on the technical columns DONALD MICHIE.

### THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY

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By Order of the Board R. E. MACDONALD General Manager & Actuary-

**N.V. KONINKLIJKE NEDERLANDSCHE PETROLEUM MAATSCHAPPIJ** 

Established at The Hague, The Netherlands

Provisional figures for 1980 Prices of coal from the third in Energy Trends, the Departure 1979 to the third men of Energy's statistical bulletin, underline the problems cent, and imports had risen by

### (Royal Dutch)

The Supervisory Board and the Board of Management of Royal Dutch Petroleum Company announce that pursuant to the amendment of the Articles of Association which will become effective on 2nd March, 1981, the par value of the shares of N.II. 20 has been

A stamp will have to be placed on the cover of the bearer share certificates, the text of which is as follows:

Pursuant to the amendment of the Articles of Association of 2nd March, 1981, this share certificate ranks as a certificate for double the number of shares of 10

This stamping can be done at the offices of:

### N.M. Rothschild & Sons Limited, London.

As from 2nd March, 1981, the shares will be traded on the Amsterdam stock exchange in the new denomination and new share certificates with a par value of N.fl. 10 will be

The Hague, 27th February, 1981

The Board of Management

### Union campaign to halt Tate & Lyle closure By David Felton Labour Reporter

Five unions in the sugar refining industry yesterday launched a campaign to prevent the closure of Tate & Lyle's Liverpool refinery with the loss of what the unions estimate will be more than 1,500 jobs.

sistent approach to accounting methods used by charities. The unions have produced a The report, which includes a survey of 85 of the largest fund research document, which has been delivered to Mrs Thatcher, raising charities and 50 smaller MPs and British members of ones, reveals a wide variety of accounting methods which makes it difficult to compare one with another. Identifying the European Parliament. It argues that there are alternatives to the closure of the Love the problem areas, it also sets Lane refinery, opened more out guidelines for a more conthan 100 years ago.

The document calls for change in EEC rules on sugar production and restrictions on the 150,000-plus tonnes which are imported into Britain each year. In the meantime, while negotiations take place at Brussels on sugar quotas the unions want the Government to provide regional aid to the Liverpool

The unions supporting the campaign are the Association of Scientific Technical and Managerial Staffs, Transport and General Workers, General and Municipal Workers, Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers and the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union.

into which the National Coal

Coal consumption in the

three months ending in January

was down by 7.3 per cent: more

than the average drop during 1980 as a whole. Despite a seasonal draw of one million

tonnes during January, coal stocks at the end of the month

stood at 36.7 million tonnes,

which was 10.4 million tonnes

The majority of these stocks

were being financed by the coal

board; the increase in stocks

at power stations having risen

only 2.5 million tonnes to 17.1 million tonnes.

higher than a year ago.

Board has been driven.

sugar imports were running at almost 200,000 tonnes a year, and as the Liverpool refinery had a 300,000 tonnes a year capacity, restrictions of imports would have a big effect.

nounced plans to close four sugar beet processing factories.
Mr. Comerford said the union's research showed that Britain did a substantial amount of trade with cane sugar exporting countries, which could be

The unions also object to part of Britain's contribution to the EEC budget being used to support the sugar production of other European countries such as France and West Germany whose sugar industries are mainly based on refining home

Corporation, which has an-

cut back on production.

Mr Terence Comerford, an ASTMS national officer, said yesterday that the unions accepted there was over-production in the European sugar relining industry, but consumption over the past few years had moved in cycles and the unions did not want the United Kingdom to meet increased unable demands in later years. He said the unions believed

The unions argue that there is room within the United Kingdom sugar market for both Tate & Lyle in its present form and slimmed down British Sugar

lost if a decision was taken to

two thirds to 7.3 million tonnes.

offset partially by a rise in exports from 2.3 million tonnes to

four million tonnes, sometimes

Electricity demand fell 4.7 per cent last year, but fuel use

by power stations fell even more—by 5.9 per cent—indicat-

ing an improvement in effici-

made at a loss.

homes started by builders slumped to 152,000, the lowest peacetime total since 1924-25.

50,000.

### More coal than petroleum used last year whose use fell 15.1 per cent in house coal, which declined 18.6 per cent and in coke ovens for the steel industry, where con-sumption was 22.9 per cent lower than in 1979.

rose 42 per cent between the third quarter 1979 and the third ency. Coal use rose to a retord 89.6 million tonnes while oil consumption fell 38.4 per cent to 11.2 million tonnes of coal quarter 1980. Consumption of natural gas during 1980 fell by 0.4 per cent, the first time there had been a The big falls in coal consump-

fall since its introduction in the

The largest increase of all

energy prices was in sales of gas to industry where prices

### tion were suffered by industry, mid-sixties. Profit jumps at NEB's vehicle finance arm

By Edward Townsend Wholesale Vehicle Finance,

the National Enterprise Board subsidiary which finances stock held by BL car and van dis-tributors in the United Kingdom, increased its profit in the second year of operations by 75 per cent to £3,505,000.

The company's accounts for 1980, published yesterday, show that before charging interest of £581,250 on loan stock, the average rate of return on shareholders' funds was 22 per cent. This was 4 per cent higher than in 1979 and reflects increased interest rates and higher funding levels.

WVF was set up in 1979 with £100m of loan facilities to enable BL franchise holders to receive vehicles on a sale or return basis, funded by WVF, instead of buying them or paying bulk deposits. The dealers pay a display charge based upon current interest rates plus an operating margin. The creation of WVF forged closer links between the NEB and City institutions. The Gov-

erument announced recently

that when the Industry Bill be-

comes law, ownership of BL

will be transferred from the

Industry, but Mr Alfred Singer, chairman of WVF, said in his annual statement that "so far as we know there is no pro-posal for transfer of ownership of WVF." He added that prompted by the success of the company, a new subsidiary, WVF Commer-cial, had been formed to offer

a stocking scheme for distribu-

tors of Leyland Vehicles, the BL

bus and truck division. He said that 1980 was a difficult year for the motor trade with falling sales, extreme price competition and very high interest rates. "Although high charges are a problem it is generally recognized that these are due to national and international factors rather than to our own actions since WVF ses its charges on the interest it has to pay.

Cars during the year were down to £101,399,000 from £111,501,000 the previous year, but display charges rose to £17,506,000 from £10,200,000. Mr Singer said: "Nineteen eighty has been a year of great events for BL and possibly a

turning point in its history".

Prepayment deposits with BL

Torvell has himself swallowed the practitioners, are to blame

is burgeoning wherever the need is felt for expert systems able to give concrete aid to in-bouse experts.

When such a system can give nor only reasoned explanations but also scientific justification

a long way from attaining this objective. Yet in some appli cation areas it is a desirable one, for example for intelligent fault diagnosis of complex equipment. It should not be deliberately associated people's minds with something plainly undestrable as superstitious credulity.

Machine Intelligence Research

University of Edinburgh

MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent Street,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 98th Annual General Meeting of the Members of The Scottish Mutual Assurance Society will be held within the Central Hotel. Gordon Street, Glasgow, G1 3SF on Wednesday, 25th March, 1981 at 12.15 p.m. to approve the Accounts. Balance Sheet and Reports of the Directors and Auditors, to re-elect Directors and to fix the remuneration of

A Member of the Society enlitled to attend and vote at any General Meeting is entitled to appoint another person (who need not be a Member of the Society) to attend and vote instead of him. Proxies must be lodged at the Head Office of the

The Scottish Mutual Assurance Society Act 1952.

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### BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

# ICI's savage

ICI may well have opened a pandora's box with its decision to cut the dividend so sharply. One thing for sure is that the ramifications will be felt far beyond its Millbank headquarters, even if the shock treatment ICI executives are presumably hoping will help reshape the Government's economic strategy has come too late to produce rethink towards help for industry in pext month's budget.

So far dividend cuts among major groups have been confined to those with very particular trading problems like Tubes and GKN in engineering or Courtaulds in

Now that one of Britain's most successful companies, widely spread geographically and in product lines, has said that it has no alternative with current Government policies but to cut its payment to shareholders it will become more respectable for finance directors elsewhere to use this route in order to bolster strained balance sheets. Even though the market was half-expecting ICI to do the unthinkable, the severity of the cut—the 26 per cent reduction in the gross payment to 24.3p a share so saving £101m was as large as in the 1930-31 depression-knocked £160m off ICI's capitalization at one stage and 10 points off the FT index as concern about further dividend cuts more than outweighed the confidence that has been flowing from hopes o fa cut in interest

Even though the full year figures show that ICI was still trading at a small £6m loss in the seasonally strong final quarter, the overall outturn contained no surprises given the continued slack demand in the chemical industry and sterling's strong performance, especially against the D mark which is the currency in which ICI has to do battle

with its major European competitors. The group reckons that it loses £21m in profits with every pfennig drop in the DM and after the sharp fall in the German curency last year, ICI argues that it lost £250m.

The group's troubles are concentrated in Inited Kingdom and continental Europe with areas like Australia, Canada and the ar East doing well and within that it is the cutely volume-sensitive fibres, plastics petrochemicals and organics divisions that wreaked the damage, although the new forth Sea taxes also frimmed back Ninian's contribution to only £97m.

The ouestion that really needs answering whether ICI has been short-sighted in utting the dividend. Certainly there is little ign of the appalling trading conditions in he halance sheet where after the liquidity roblems of the mid-1960s ICI has taken are to protect its cash position. Working apital has dropped by £110m, liquid reources are unchanged and loans are only 162m higher. Capital spending has been ared to the minimum but ICI is in any ase over its cyclical hump.

All the same, faced with further extensive urgery this year, an overall loss of £20m fter last year's £150m rationalization costs nd a current cost loss of £234m at the botom line, ICI had little option but to cut there even now the distribution is only just overed in historical terms, particularly as can see no sure sign of the upturn in olume or margins that its European cometitors are claiming to be experiencing.

### 'lessey

### Reincarnation of ı glamour stock

lessey's shares-up another 11p yesterday o 317p-have had a remarkable run over he past year and the results have justified his. A rise of nearly two-fifths in the third warter leaves profits after nine months up 71 per cent to £60.7m and for the full ear £84m looks within reach.

The size of the likely profit rise from 60m the previous year is partly due to ecovery from a period affected by strikes nd carrying losses on electro-mechanical xchanges and consumer electronics. Even so, Plessey has been showing real

rowth and after allowing for currency

10vements and discontinued operations ales in the nine months have risen by early a quarter-well ahead of inflation. Apart from hydraulics which will lose toney this year and microelectronics where rofits are sharply down because of ationalization costs and recession, the core usinesses—relecommunications and defence -have gone ahead and United Kingdom

profits doubled to £47.4m on the back of Plessey's public sector business.

Defence cuts and cash limits have not had much impact on orders either and the group total was a third higher than a year ago at £1,204m.

The strong cash flow generated in the United Kingdom is reflected in rising interest receipts and internally generated funds will more than cover increased capital spending up from £35m to £48m and leave the balance sheet stronger at the year end. Assuming a 10 per cent rise in the final dividend like the interim—and the dividend may finally be covered under CCA—the

yield is 3.4 per cent and the p/e ratio about 20 fully taxed. Plessey can now support this kind of rating after the turnround in its fortunes over the past couple of years. But it is clear that the group will now be entering a quieter phase, although steady growth looks assured.

 Tesco released interim figures and a trad-ing statement last November and the latest bulletin from the chairman, Mr Leslic Porter, is substantially a repitition of what was then said.

Even so the shares softened by 1p to 58p yesterday because what was intended to be reassuring bulletin scrued only to fuel doubts about the sale and leaseback's programme's ability to pay for costly expansion.
It is disclosed that the first arrangement with Royal Insurance covering ten town-centre supermarkets was completed in December for £21.43m, but this comes with the terse addition: "Further transactions have followed in accordance with the planned arrangeme"

The problem is that capital spending is around £110m a year, and the original aim was to raise up to £100m by sale and lease-

Pretax profits in the year just ending probably fell from £36.5m to £33m or so, with Tesco suffering with the food retailing sector from costs catching up with food price inflation. But it again stresses rising productivity. MLR cuts would do wonders and the 6 per cent yield at 58p could yet be the basis of share buying for recovery soon.

### Minorco

### Global

By injecting into Minorco most of Anglo American and De Beers's important holdings outside South Africa, Mr Harry Oppen-beimer has created the world investment vehicle he has long wanted. This is not just another of those internal reshuffles to which Anglo is so prone; it gives a South African company, which is huge by world standards but which has always been constrained by its origins, the means to invest on big scale outside the Republic, and particularly in North America.

This was perhaps the role once envisaged ditions this for Charter Consolidated. Now, after the partial disengagement in 1979 and this Magnetic transfer to Minorco of Anglo's stake in Charter, that company is free of a direct Anglo satke for the first time. Simultaneously, the direct Anglo and De Beers holdings in Consolidated Fields are brought together in one place, although the effective. Anglo influence in Cons Gold is not diminished.

Add in the Anglo American Corporation of Canada and Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting stakes, and Minorco's capitalization rises from around \$1,200 to \$2,000m. More important, Minorco's income-earning powers as a holding company are greatly increased.

About 75 per cent of its assets were previously in Engelhard, a company which although very profitable pays small divi-dends. The income from Minorco's future much more diverse assets will finance fresh investment without recourse to funds from

Shareholders in Minorco, which some have seen just as a way into Engelhard, can therefore look forward to strongly rising earnings. Indeed, they are already promised 30 cents a share next year compared with 22 cents this year. Shareholders in Anglo, De Beers and Charter will also benefit from large numbers of shares in Minorco, although because of the issue of Minorco shares Charter's percentage stake falls. Cons Gold may also be a little happier at being this much distanced from South Africa.

### America's monetary control techniques are being put to the test

# Can the Fed hit its targets?

Washington

American monetary policy will remain tight, according to Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board of the United States who appeared before the Schate banking committee

before the Senate banking committee this week.

Making a statement is one thing; achieving declared goals onite another. The Fed is aiming at the mid-point of its newly established money stock growth ranges and not the upper limits. If past performance is any guide, it will not realize its ambitions.

Even hitting the top of the ranges will involve a significant slow-down in the money growth rate from last year's actual performance. How far the board succeeds will determine to no small degree the course of interest rates, the strength of the dollar and the health of the American economy.

The misleading nature of the weekly data makes for difficulties in keeping track of the Fed. New studies show that the M1 numbers, for example, when first bublished, can be \$3,000m (about £1,200m) wide of the mark, up or down, and that makes for marked inaccuracies.

Another serious problem is that

Another serious problem is that changes in American financial systems are tending to distort the money stock numbers. For example, the recent changes which permit the establishment of ordinary bank current accounts that pay the same interest rate to depositors as savings accounts, resulted last year in large cuts in M1A, substantial increases in M1B and in M2 (see table for definition of these measures) and the effects this year are difficult to

Faced with unreliable measures and short-term statistics, market operators are going to have to base their opinions and predictions to no small degree upon confidence in the board's ability to hit

its targets.

The Fed's aims and basic views are similar to those of most central banks, but its strategies are different.
Until October, 1979, it bought or sold reserves to and from the markets with

the aim of managing interest rates

and holding them to a narrow range consistent with the desired growth of the money aggregates. Success depended on forecasting how much money the public would hold at given interest rates. Its forecasting record was fairly miserable.

In October, 1979, the Fed replaced interest rates as the key to daily marker operations by the volume of bank reserves. Its staff calculates paths for reserves. Its staff calculates paths for various reserves aggregates which fall into line with the target for money growth. The board explains that the paths are calculated on the expected relationship between reserve and the money stock the so-called reservesmoney multiplier.

The Fed points out that "this relationship is variable and not known with certainty because of the differences in reserve requirements on various compo-

MONEY GROWTH TARGET RANGES FOR 1981 AND ACTUAL GROWTH IN 1980

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reserve requirements on various components of the monetary aggregates which shift in relative importance from week to week. Moreover, in addition to re-quired reserves, depository institutions

also hold a varying amount of excess reserves. A path for non-borrowed reserves that is calculated by making an allowance for the portion of total reserves expected to be provided through borrowings at the Federal Reserve Bank discount windows".

Things can easily go wrong in making the right calculations with the result that the Fed misses its targets. Experience with the system itself tends to produce better reserves management by the board. But it is not so arrogant as to believe that experience alone will work wonders.

A detailed Fed study has just been completed of how the system has worked in its first year. As a result some changes are likely in operating procedures.

The board is likely to be more willing

procedures.

The board is likely to be more willing to change the discount rate, or adjust the set paths of non-borrowed reserves more often, when the total levels of reserves are running persistently more strongly or weakly than predicted. The board has also recognized that at times it might be best because of "costly disturbances in domestic financial or foreign exchange markets" to make short-term departures in market operations from the longer-run money stock growth targets.

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It says that "uncertainties about the relationship between money and economic performance suggest the desirability of a degree of flexibility in the targets—including the use of ranges for more than one measure of money—and the potential need to alter previously established targets".

Studies show that it is impossible by using the present approach, to distinguish clearly the effects of Fed action from other economic influences on interest rates. There also seems to be no doubt that in volatile economic conditions the greater the board's efforts at directly controlling very short-term money stock mayoments, the more likely is it that interest rate levels will jump around.

All things considered the Fed did not do too badly last year. The actual money supply growth rate for each of the money stock measures was only modestly above the targeted upper

limits. Now the Fed has more experience of its techniques, it has analysed its approaches and it is willing to he more flexible and more alert to dangers. There seem to be solid reasons in light of this to suggest that this year the Fed will come closer than it did in 1980 to meeting its targets. Perhaps it will actually hit the upper limits of the ranges, rather than overshoot them.

The more that market operators come to similar conclusions the greater will be confidence in the longer-term properts for price stability. This would translate into strength for the dollar in the currency markets and into some reduction in longer-term interest rates. The Fed will not intervene in the market when interest rates move up sharply so short-term rates are going to be subject to the interplay between supply of funds from the public and private and governmental demands.

Economic activity in the United States is slowing and inflation continues high, so for the time being it seems likely that the supply of funds will grow little, while loan demand from the private sector will fall. Rates should decline in the short term, even with continued large government borrowing.

But the economy can be expected to The more that market operators come

large government borrowing.

But the economy can be expected to move ahead in the summer, particularly if the Reagan tax cuts are enacted. For short-term rates the extent to which the Congress cuts public spending this year will be absolutely crucial. Unless the Congress cuts sharply, then it seems quite reasonable in this era of tight money to expect a prime rate above the recent record level of 21.5 per cent.

The Fed's policies will also mean

The Fed's policies will also mean higher unemployment—as it beats back inflation—unless there is the reduced public borrowing that permits the private sector to borrow at rates that offer a reasonable profit return on productive capital investments. capital investments. For these reasons Mr Volcker was

correct in telling Senators that their decisions on how much public spending to cut is crucial for the United States

Frank Vogl

### Technology

### Levitating all the way to the airport

Kenneth Owen

Just as heat pumps can give you something for nothing in terms of energy, magnetic levitation enables you to lift your-self up by your own bootstraps. (New readers start here: my

ssertion last week that hear pumps provide more energy than they consume caused a flurry of incredulity, denial, ridicule and abuse from a number of thermodynamically winded correspondents. minded correspondents; none-theless, it is true. For the bootstraps trick you need literally to be electrified; under these con-ditions this also is true. Now

Magnetic levitation or " magl lev " is a form of vehicle sus pension which does away with wheels, springs, dampers and the like. As announced this week, it is being adopted for a shuttle service which will link shuttle service which with the the new Birmingham Airport, when it opens in 1984, with the nearby National Exhibition Centre and British Rail's Birmingham International station.
This is a short-distance (600

merres), low-speed (30 mph) link. Work on similar suspension techniques for higher speeds and longer distances speeds and longer distances has been carried out in other countries, notably Germany and Japan. The Birmingham project could well lead to substantial export business for the industrial consortium that is now taking the individual pieces of technology involved and pure technology involved and putting them together into an integrated, working system.

Discarding wheels in favour of magnetic support has an un-

fortunate consequence, how-ever, in that wheels come in useful also for propelling and braking the vehicle. Thus an alternative non-contact method of propulsion and braking is needed; rockets or sero-engines could in theory be used but the quieter, smoother

and simpler solution of the linear induction motor is pre-

Pioneered in Britain by Pro-fessor Eric Laithwaite of Imperial College, London (and applied with technical success in the National Research Devel-opment Corporation's cancelled Tracked Hovercraft project), the linear induction motor is, in a gross oversimplification, a rotary induction motor which is cut and opened out flat.

The motor's stator (outer,

stationary part) becomes a series of windings mounted flat on the underside of the vehicle; and the rotor (inner rotating part) is in the form of an aluminium/steel reaction rail laid in the track. When current is fed into the windings, secondary currents are induced in the reaction rail and electrical fluxes are produced which apply propulsive or braking forces to the vehicle.

As for the magnetic levitation, the vehicle carries a pair of electromagnets slung underneath each corner. The magnets are tucked underneath the Tshaped track and along each edge of the bar of the T is a steel suspension rail. When the electromagnets are activated they are attracted up towards the rails, lifting the vehicle up by its own magnetic bootstraps so that it is floating on air (or "flying", to quote British Rail, at a height of about half an inch).

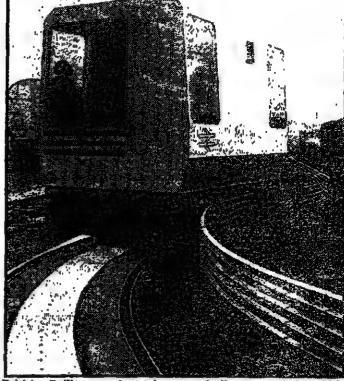
Electrical power is picked-up from conductor rails along the track and direct current is con-verted into variable-frequency alternating current to energize the magnets for lift and to the linear motor for

The Birmingham project is co-sponsored to the tune of about £2.8m by West Midlands County Council, the People Mover Group Consortium, British Rail and the Departments of Industry and of Energy. The design is based on experimental work by the research and development division of British Rail at Derby, including the testing of a small vehicle on a special test track which has fairly sharp curves and gradients.

At Birmingham the shuttle link will be owned and operated by West Midlands County Coun-cil. The council will also handle the civil engineering work, while the electrical and mechanical work will be done by the People Mover Group consor-Within the consortium, GEC

Transportation Projects will manage the project and coordinate the engineering. The linear motor will be supplied by Brush Electrical Machines, and the managing succession. and the magnetic suspension system by GEC Rectifiers (power supply and electronics) and GEC Witton-Kramer (mag-

Other members of the consortium are GEC General Signal (automatic train controls and communication systems); Metro-Cammell (vehicle bodies); and Balfour Beatty



shown here will form the basis of the 30-passenger shuttle cars for the new Birmingham Airport in 1984.

glamorous concepts of the high-speed magiev trains which have speed magicy trains which have been expensively developed in Japan—but it could be the start of significant new business for British industry in the potenpeople smoothly and efficiently from A to B, where A and E are fairly close together.

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# Business Diary: Caracas, carnivals and carnivores

quoit's throw from the ashionable beach at Carabaleda pelicans are crash-diving nto the surf for their break-

. They are not the only preda-.:ors hereabouts. Further out at ca, human takers of fish are hemselves being swooped upon by an equally unceremonious oe; and an hour away in aracas the Venezuelan authori-ies are taking unusual steps to rotect another endangered pecies—the pedestrian.

First, the fishermen: while heir counterparts in Britain complain about the threat to heir livelihoods from foreign leets and plummeting prices, he Venezuelans are angry at he lack of protection from hirates. In recent months a number of vessels have been stracked by pirates believed to be operating from anchorages long the southern Caribbean mast from Venezuela 10

Only last week, a Swedish vessel was plundered while fishing of Jamaica. The crew survived, but others have not been so lucky. Two Venezuelan boats and their crews — who were probably fed to the fishes that the pelicans are chasing — have disappeared. Coast guards believe that the boats were opposited by pirates. These disguise their intentions by pretending to be in distress rather han flying a skull and cross-

The rest is familiar to students of piracy anywhere: the unsuspecting boat is boarded, the crew eliminated and the prize taken by the pirates back sale, just as if it were a knockedoff Mini undergoing transformation in a backstreet garage.

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How grim was my valley: traffic thunders through the inaptly-named El Silencio district of central Caracas.

is inadequately equipped to pro-tect the fishermen, who had earlier gone on strike in pro-test at their insecurity (and poor prices for their fish, it must be added).

The armed forces have offered to improve patrols, but Diaz Cardenas also wants the boats to go to sea only in groups and to ensure that one of their number is always in radio contact with the shore.

Those ships that have been attacked have always been alone and did not have proper radio contact. In both cases it took five days before we knew of the attacks and by that time the pirates were long gone."

Back on wet land (cars are

still splashing through the puddles left by unseasonal tor-rential rain) the authorities in

Last week General Jose Diaz pedestrians—in particular those Cardenas, director of the armed bag and purse snatchers who forces environmental guard swoop on their victims from the forces environmental guard swoop on their victims from the division, admitted that his fleet pillions of motor cycles. As in many South American and southern European cities, this form of motorized crime is a growing menace.

The annual carnival started

this week. This, apart from being one almighty thrash for the populace, is often a benefit outing for perty criminals.

Operation carnival is under way with more than 5,000 civil defence officers assigned to patrol the streets and recreation areas 24 hours a day—to prevent not merely crime but merry-makers

from injuring themselves. Crimes of passion and suicides occur regularly during the week-long bash, which has been described as a "true re-creation the Middle Ages dance of the flesh.".

The authorities cannot legissengers will be substantially down on previous years. A simple expedient has been adopted—the authorities have banned the carrying of all pas-sengers on the back of motor cycles and say that this has already brought a reduction in juvenile crime. As may be imagined, this has

not gone down well among the two-wheel fraternity, who object that innocent passimes—taking mama shopping or the chica for a spin-are now outlawed. The police have so far shown no sign of relenting, despite growing pressure to do so. Last week, for example, hundreds of motor cyclists rode through Caracas in a cavalcade of pro-test against the ban.

It did not work, but a caval-cade of demonstrating drivers could well go unnoticed in Caracas. The oil-rich and petrol-cheap capital has a chronic traffic problem, despite its excellent four and eight-lane freeways. In part, this is due to its valley site, which has prevented expansion sideways and forced a nine-mile long sprawl.

The noise of the traffic belies the name given to one of the central areas, El Silencia, and the pollution is sufficiently bad for carbon monoxide to figure in daily newspapers in the same way that the pollen count does in British newspapers. On one day last week, for example, the Daily Journal reported that there had been 13 parts of carbon monoxide per million of air, against the maximum tolerable level of nine.

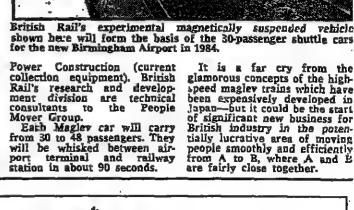
No Caraqueno expects the traffic to flow freely during this of all weeks. The civil defence authorities have urged

defence authorities have urged motorists to take extra care in the maintenance of their cars to prevent breakdowns on streets likely to be choca-bloc with carnivals.

Meanwhile, Venezuelans have been reassured by Tomas Socias Lopez, president of the Food Chamber, that there will be sufficient quantities of all types of foodstuffs this week. In the past, this has not always been so. The native population has past, this has not always been so. The native population has been swelled by immigrants seeking Caracas's streets of gold and the total number living in Venezuela is put variously at between 13 and 20 million Forming has been up. million. Farming has been un-able to keep pace and this has sometimes led to food shortages.

There should be plenty for all during the present carnival. Even the fishing industry director at the ministry of agriculture has announced that there will be adequate supplies of fish and shrimp—enough for people and pelicans.

John Huxley



# ALCAN ALUMINIUM (UK) LIMITED

1980 Audited Annual Results (for the year ended 31st December 1980) Historical Cost Information 335.6

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Trading profit	17.0	17.8
Interest	14.9	11.6
Profit before tax	2.1	6.2
Taxation	1.2	1.1
Profit attributable to Ordinary Shareholders	0.9	5.1
Dividends	1.5	2.9
Funds generated from operations	13.1	15.5
Average capital employed	211.2	200.4
Earnings per £1 Ordinary Share (net)	1.9p	11.5p
Dividend per £1 Ordinary Share	3.3p	6.6p
Number of employees (average)	8,302	8,784
Current Cost Information		
Operating loss	(14.6)	(7.4)
Interest.	(14.9)	(11.6)
Gearing adjustment	8.6	7.0
Taxation	(1.2)	(1.1)
Loss attributable to Ordinary Shareholders	(22.1)	(13.1)
Loss per share (net)	. (48.8p)	(29.8p)
In arriving at the current cost operating loss, the following adjus-	stments were taken into accour	ıt:-
Additional depreciation	24.3	18.5.
Cost of sales	5.1	5.5
Monetary working capital	9.9	1.2

and the payment of a final dividend in respect of the year ended 31st December 1980. 31.6 "As was anticipated in the interim report for 1980, your Company has operated at a loss in the second half of the year. The business recession in the United Kingdom reduced the overall volume of orders to unconsumic levels, most particularly in the relied and extruded product areas, while at the same time the strength of sterling not only against the US dollar, but also vis-s-vis most other currencies, adversely affected margins.

To some extent these trends were offset by improved output from the Lynemouth smeller, which operated close to capecity in the second half, and by maintained output at Alcan Plate Limited, Kitts Green, who are to be congrabulated on their achievement in winning the Quten's Award for Industry based on increased apports.

exports.

Nevertheless, the effect on margins of the conditions mentioned above has been aggravated by continuing inflationary cost increases for money, rates, communications, transport, gas and bought in electricity. For the latter two energy communities your Company, in common with most of British industry, suffers an unacceptable penalty as compared with many of our foreign

The nuclook for 1981 is for continuing losses and for a further aignificant increase in beyoning, has to common conditions in the United Kingdom to the current exchange value of the pound and to a reduced level of demand in European aluminatum markets, and the prospects for resumption of dividend payments in the short term

(Extract from Chairman's statement

Pollowing discussions between the directors of the Company and Alexa Aluminium Limited ("Alexa"), proposals were annuanced on 5th Pebruary, 1991 for the acquisition by Alexa of the 10,053,523 Ordinary Shares in your Commany (21.98 per rent of the issued share capital) not already owned by Alexa Europe NY. Having committed Robert Fleming & Co. Limited, the directors and Robert Fleming & Co. Limited are recommending the proposals to the minoraly shareholders of the Company for acceptance.

Copies of the full Report and Accounts available shortly from Alexa Aluminium (UK) Ltd., clo Publications Dept., Alexa House, South Bat, Banbury, Ozon. OX16 9XJ, England.

### Stock markets

# Late rally after ICI prompts retreat

trades yesterday by news of Budget, but the failure of one ICI's first dividend cut since the

Immediate reaction to the news was for jobbers to mark ICI's share price 20p lower to 270p in order to stop the expected rush of selling orders. The manoeuvre partially succeeded, but over 4m shares still changed hands and the price dipped to 266p before recovering to 268p, a ner loss on the day of 22p.

The rest of the market followed suit as share prices were marked sharply lower cutting short what had been a strong start to the session with the index 2.2 higher at 10 am. Indeed, dealers had been cheered by the apparent settlement of the waterworkers' pay dispute and were looking for-ward to the Budget amid hopes of a reflationary package and 3 per cent cut in interest rates.

But the I.C.I. figures put a stop to that. It was only later in the day that Plessey's bumper third-quarter figures, announced at the same time, prompted dealers to rethink the extent of the damage. Plessey rose 11p to 317p.

In the event, supported by new-time buying, the market was able to recoup some of the losses and, having been 10.4 lower at 2pm, the FT Index eventually closed 4.2 off at

Business in gilts dried up with prices drifting lower in thin trade. Confidence is still high that there will be a cut

to materialize yesterday came as no real surprise. In longs, prices closed £1 lower, having fluctuated within narrow limits for most of the day, while in shorts the figure was as much

Leading industrials took the brunt of the upser in LCL, bur had recovered much of their poise by the close. Unilever, where figures are due next week, slipped 3p to 483p but nervousness ahead of Fison's figures, due out Monday, clip-ped 7p from its price at 133p. Falls were also seen in Falls were also seen in Beecham, 3p to 161p, Dunlop, 1p to 64p, Metal Box, 6p to 186p Turner & Newall, 3p to 75p, GKN, 3p to 146p and Glaxo 4p to 274p. Hawker Siddeley resisted the trend with a 2p rise to 286p. Courtaulds at 61p, and Lucas Industries at 183p held steady.

Newcomer British Aerospace succumbed to profit taking and

dipped 3p to 175p.

British Sugar ended the day 3p lower at 283p still awaiting the Monopolies report to the bid from S & W Berisford, down 11p at 171p, due out next Tuesday. Lonrho held in to a 1p rise at 101p on the back of the Observer acquisition from its Observer acquisition from Atlantic Richfield, while House of Fraser put on the same at 148p in response to publication of its defence document. But Robertson Food's decision to reject the approach from Avana left the shares 4p lower at 159p. Letraset eased 2p to 105p on

York auction rooms and Allebone retreated 6p to 31p attention.

Tesco softened ip to 58p on its latest trading review and in engineering, Burnett & Hallamshire improved 25p to 938p on news of an overseas contract while Westland Aircraft hardened 3p to 130p on favour-

Among other companies reporting Grippereds dipped 10p to 128p, London Shop Property 2p to 133p, Tace 4p

Despite GKN, Courtaulds and now ICI, it is noteworthy that a supporters' club around Tube Investments still considers it will hold the dividend when reporting on the year to last failed to support share prices December next month. Even and falls were seen in MEPC so, the shares retreated 6p to 190p yesterday, despite the 10 395p and Hammerson "A" so, the shares retreated by to 190p yesterday, despite the attractions of an ostensible yield of nearly 20 per cent.

to 26p, Westward Dawes 2p to 21p, Ariel Industries 3p to 38p and Spencer Clark 3p to 36p, all following their various trad-ing statements. Eut bright spots were seen in Footwear Industries 4p to 50p, and Ward

Industries 4p to 50p, and ward Holdings 2p to 55p.

Thet ight conditions and impressive profits from Plessey ensured a firm finish in the electrical sector, Racal closed unchanged at 363p with GEC recovering most of its earlier losses to close just 3p lower at 645p. Electro-compo-

ANGLO AMERICAN CORPORATION OF SOUTH AFRICA LIMITED (AAC)

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(together referred to as "the companies")

### Latest results

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	Profits	Earnings	Div	Pay	Year's
	£m	per share	pence	date	total
	0.7†(0.11†)	9.6+(0.7+)	0.01(mil)		0.01(0.85)
	0.06(0.42)	0.9(6.2)	0.54(1.08)	16/4	-(2.7)
	0.28(18.9)	<b>—(—)</b>	—(—)		-(-)
	2.1(6.2)	-(-)	<b>—(3.3)</b>		3.3(6.6)
	0.15(1.85)	0.12(3.9)	-(1)		-(2.1)
	20.8(26.4)	<b>—(—)</b>	-(-)	-	(-)
	0.48(0.57)	<b>-(−)</b>	<b>(-)</b>		(1
	0.55(0.55)	10.6(10.7)	2.25(2.23)	4.4	-(-)
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	284(613)	22.1(79.2)	5(11)	3:4	17(23)
	60.7(35.4)	16.75(9.57)	3.22(2.93)	15/5	-(6.94)
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	0.06(0.066)	0.59(0.88)	0.16(0.16)	2/5	<b>—(—)</b>
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# Alcan passes final payout as profits tumble to £2m

As the minority shareholders of Alesa Aluminium UK are deciding whether to accept the Canadian parent's £12m offer to buy them out, the group has announced that it operated at a loss in the second half last year. The final dividend has been passed.

Yesterday's results showed that the 78 per cent-owned British subsidiary made pretax profits of £2.1m in the year to December against profits of 16.2m last time Sales were up to £335.6m against £307m. Current cost accounts show that the operating loss was £14.6m, interest charges were £14.9m and, after a gearing adjustment of £3.5m, the attributable loss was £22.1m, compared with f13m last year, Total borrowings now stand at £104.7m, an increase of £13m over 1979. With the final dividend being passed, the gross payment for the year is 4.7p. Last year's total was 9.42p gross. The shares were suspended on February 3 at 52p on news that the parent was bidding for full control.

Mr Denniss Pinn, the chair-

### Receivers named for Whiteley

The share suspension of B S & Whiteley at 8p three days ago was the prelude yesterday to the announcement that the directors of Whiteley have told the trustees of the 6 per cent debenture stock 1984-89 of a "serious adverse financial position".

In accordance with the trust deed, Mr Richard Aguiter and Mr Guy Parsons, partners in Pear, Marwick, Mitchell, the accountants, have been appointed john receivery and managers.

ants, have been appointed joint receivers and managers.

Already approaches have been received which may lead to offers for parts of Whiteley's business, and the group continues to trade. One such subsidiary is thought to be Pool Paper Mills at Otley in West Yorkshire. But it is as yet too early to say whether ordinary shareholders would get anything. The position could become clearer next week.

Whiteley is an electrical insulating pressboard manufacturer. It's shares were 184p at one time last year. Swiss interests hold 30 per cent of the shares and at the last count Prudential Assurance held a further 7 per cent.



man, said the results were in line with forecasts made at the interim stage when profits were \$7.5m. He said, however, that there would be continued losses in 1981, a significant increase in borrowings and poor pro-spects for a return to dividend payments in the short term. The board has recommended

with its problems, Alcan would be better protected as a wholly owned substary of the company.
The stake is held by 2,600
United Kingdom individuals
and institutions helding 10m shares out of total issued shares

After good first-half figures the decline in demand in the domestic market hit hard in the middle of last year. Although streamlining began in 1979 the group was forced to make 480 redundancies, cutting the work-force to 8,000, and many plants were on short-time working. Most are now back to a five day

Overall business volume fell sharply to uneconomic levels, particularly in rolled and exparticularly in rolled and extruded products where main customers are the building, motor and packaging industries. Destocking is thought to be over. The effect on profit margins of the strong pound, its interest and the strong pound. rising transport, energy, rates and communications costs bit deep. Most of British industry, Mr Pinn said, suffers an "unacceptable penalty" for energy costs compared with foreign

Squeeze on margins hits Brown **Brothers** 

Brown Brothers Corporation suffered with everybody else By Rosemary Unsworth associated with the motor trade in its first half and profits crashed by £1.7m.

Although turnover remained Aithough turnover remained fairly steady at £43.7m compared with the previous years's £47.1m, margins were forced sharply down and pretax profits fell from £1.85m to £153.000 in the six months to December 31. The interim dividend has been passed, Last year Brown paid an interim of 1.43p gross.

Interest charges rose steeply during the period from £470,000 to £607,000 as borrowings climbed from £3.8m to £6.4m Stocks increased by £900,000, although compared with the year end they have fallen. Sir Montague Prichard, the chairman, said that trading

conditions continue to be very difficult and no relief can be foreseen in the immediate foture. The group has made 400 workers redundant in its engi-

workers recumoant in its engineering and distribution subsidiaries. The rasts are reflected in the figures. Brown Brothers Engineering losses worsened in the six months although the central heating company per-formed well

However, parts of the motor trade distribution operation, such as replacement parts, had a reasonable six months and the group said that although it was taking steps to improve efficiency it was reluctant to close down branches which has been carefully built up, to avoid damaging future prospects.

Dana Corporation, which has a 69 per cent stake, is changing its year end and Brown's board will alter its accounting print.

The present accounting period will therefore run for 16 months to October 31, 1981, and unaudited results for the 12 months to June 1981 will be published in September.

Sharp rise

in first half

at Footwear

Footwear Industry Investments, the shoe manufacturer, increased its interim presar profits from £83,000 to £255,000. The dividend has been maintained at 2.2p gross.

tained at 2.2p gross.

Mr Monty Sumray, the company's chairman, points out that the results for he six months to the end of last Noyembershould be seen against the background of a depressed previous first half.

In the last financial year

In the last financial year Footwear had to spend £810,000

on factory closures and re-

organization. But Mr Sumray says that the benchits are no

By Our Financial Staff

# **Charterhouse Group**

By Roman Eisenstein

financial group which owns Charterhouse Japhet, one of the City's accepting houses, is being reorganized. It is now to be run through five distinct operating divisions each headed by its

also being appointed deputy chairman of the group in suc-cession to Mr Derek Wilde, who

Mr John Hyde, who is to be chairman and chief executive of Charterhouse Japhet, is taking up his post on April 1. Aged 53, he has been chief executive of Chemical Bank International since 1977. Mr Hyde is to be responsible for the implementa-

director of the corporate invest-ments division which embraces the group's 25 fully owned sub-sidiaries and long-term invest-

### **AEG** loss three times larger than forecast

larger than the forecast loss of DM100m, but lower than the DM961m lost in 1979.

The company attributed 1980's loss mainly to extraarising from efforts to restruc-ture the group and return it to profitability. It said it expected 1981 sales

6 per cent increase over 1979 sales. It said it expected the fall in value of the Deutsche mark to offset high interest rates and economic recession at home and abroad in 1981.

Domestic sales rose by 6 per cent to DM8,700m, while foreign sales rose by 5 per cent to DM6,300m.

### Loss of \$81m at Massey

Massey-Perguson yesterday eported a first-quarter net loss of US\$81.4m (£36.7m), but said it expects progressive improvement during the remaining three quarters.

included exchange losses of

Massey announced in December that it expected a loss of about \$100m in the first quarter. Mr Victor Rice, the man, said he expected improvement this year because of increased confidence after Mas-

### Lend Lease improves

Lend Lease Corporation, Aus- other income was steady at opment and management group, lifted consolidated operating to A\$11m (£5.5m) for the six

The interim dividend has been maintained at 7.5 cents, in line with the 15 cents paid

to A\$11m (£5.5m) for the six months to last December.

Revenue for the six months increased by 11.8 per cent to A\$203.5m while investment and A\$20.35m for 1979-80.

### showing through in profits, although turnover is down from £6.29m to £5.79m.

After-tax profits £129,000, compared compared £40,000, glving earnings a share of 3.2p against 1.0p. Pretax profits for the last full year were £321,000, with a substanrial improvement coming in the second half.

The shoe factories in Wales were the main source of the profits increase. Footwear has a big order to make ladies' shoes for Marks & Spencer. The company also benefited from high interest rates on its

£1.25m cash balances. Mr Sumray said that mer-chanting orders for Quality Shoes, whose manufacturing operations were closed as part of the reorganization last year, are picking up. He expects merchanting to make a good contribution to profits in the next financial year.

### Briefly

Whitley Bay Entertainments : Wim Speke and company have acquired a further 440 shares on behalf of Mr and Mrs Claude Cooper at 280p in the market.

Allebone and Sons has issued a statement saying they are not aware of any special circumstances to explain the recent sharp rise in the price of the company's shares. The shares rose steeply on Tuesday.

situation. He was still optimistic that this position would improve over the next few months.

year to December 31 52.451m (El.2m). Pretax profit 591 (5122,000). EPS 1.13p (4.48p). No div for year (2.5p net). CCA pretax loss £121,000.

St James's Advertising M Publishing is changing its name to St James's Corporate Communications, and moving offices to St James's House, 4-7, Red Lion Court, London EC4A 3E8.

# Court ruling on

After a High Court ruling yesterday, the Royco land and property group will become a wholly owned subsidiary of the private Bonnerpark group, run by property millionaire Mr Roy Strudwick.

owns 75 per cent of the ordinary shares of Royco, has offered 60p for the cancellation of each of the remaining shares. But the scheme, which has been opposed by some Royco shareholders since the first bid last January, was again rejected by Mr Malcolm Douglas, chairman of Willowglen, holding 35,000

### Bank Base Rates

ABN Bank ...... 14% Barclays ..... 14% BCCI ..... 14% Consolidated Crdts 14% C. Hoare & Co .. \*14% Lloyds Bank .... 14% Midland Bank .... 14% Nat Westminster .. 14% TSB · ..... 14% Williams and Glyn's 14% 7 day deposit on sums of \$10,000 and under \$11,000 up to \$20,000 \$12.0, \$788 \$550,000 \$12.0.

### M. J. H. Nightingale & Co. Limited 27/28 Lovat Lane London EC3R 8EB Telephone 01-621 1212 The Over-the-Counter Market

ligh	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Divipo	Yid	PE
75	39	Airsprung Group	64	1	6.7	10.5	5.8
44	21	Armitage & Rhodes	42	_	1.4	3.3	17.3
192	921	Bardon Hill	189	_	9.7	5.1	7.1
98	88	Deborah Services	95		5.5	5.8	4.7
126	88	Frank Horsell	106	_	6.4	6.0	3.3
110	51	Frederick Parker	51	_	11.0	21.6	2.3
110	74	George Blair	75	_	3.1	4.1	_
110	59	Jackson Group	107	_	6.9	6.4	4.1
124	103	James Burrough	119	_	7.9	6.6	9.8
334	244	Robert Jenkins	330	_	31.3	9.5	_
55	50	Scruttons "A"	54	_	5.3	9.8	3.9
224	215	Torday Limited	216		15.1	7.0	3.7
23	10	Twinlock Ord	11	<u> </u>	_		_
90	69	Twinlock 15% ULS	71		15.0	21.1	_
56	35	Unilock Holdings	43	_	3.0	7.0	6.6
103	81	Waiter Alexander	103	_	5.7	5.5	5.7
263	181	W. S. Yeates	260	_	12.1	4.7	4.2

US\$24.696 million (27 US cents per share) for the year ended 30 June 1980, and are forecast to increase to US\$31.927 million (32 US cants per share) for the current financial year before taking

As a result of the proposed issue of additional ordinary shares, the total shareholders' invest-ment, using book values at 31 December 1980, will increase from US\$644.630 million to

US\$1,455,467 million, and after adjusting for market values as at 24 February 1981, will increase

to US\$1,917.051 million. Long term loans outstanding at 31 December 1990 amounted to US\$52.541 million, while cash and deposits at call and short notice amounted to US\$31.744

million, of which US\$5.988 million will be required to pay the interim dividend. Earnings from operations (before equity-accounting earnings of associated companies) amounted to

Charter, a United Kingdom-based group engaged in the financing and development

of mining operations and industrial companies. The activities of the industrial com-

panies include metal refining and the manufacture of mining equipment, building

and insulation products, refrigeration and heating equipment and railway track com-

ponents. A subsidiary has recently announced its participation in a joint venture to

acquire the leading supplier of rail track re-profiling services in the United States. The

mining interests relate mainly to wolfrem mining in Portugal and France, tin mining in Malaysia, potash mining in the United Kingdom and the mining of zinc and lead in the Republic of Ireland. On 25 February 1981 Charter announced agreement (subject to

fulfilment of certain conditions) with the British Petroleum group for the acquisition

by Charter of the Alexander Shand group of companies (Shand) which is a leading

producer of open-cast coal under contract to the National Coal Board in the United

Kingdom, and is also involved in building, civil and mechanical engineering and re-

Amean, which holds 44.8 per cent of the capital of Hudbay, Hudbay, in addition to its

copper and zinc mining interests in the province of Manitoba and the Yukon, Canada,

is the holder of 54.5 per cent of the equity capital of Terra Chemicals International

Inc., which manufactures fertilisers and agricultural chemicals in the United States.

Hudbay has an interest in oil and gas production through its 58.0 per cent investment

in Francana Oil & Gas Ltd. (which now includes the assets and operations of

Canadian Mentil Ltd.1, a petroleum group operating in Canada and in the United

States. A further 17.0 per cent of Francana is held directly by Amcan, Hudbey has a

50 per cent interest in Inspiration Consolidated Copper Company while Francana has

a 56.9 per cent interest in Trend Exploration Limited.

ed activities, it is planned to develop Shand's open-cast coal operations in the

account of the proposals. Dividend and other income receivable from the investments to be accurred in the financial year ending 30 June 1981 (assuming for illustrative purposes that their acquisition was effective throughout the financial yearl would increase earnings from operations from US\$31.927 million or 32 US cents per share to US\$71, 131 million or 45 US cents per share after taking account of the increased share capital. The increased level of earnings from operations and higher earnings per share (assuming that the aforesaid levels of earnings can at least be maintained) should permit the board to declare dividend distributions of at least 30 US cents per share in the year ending 30 June 1982 with an improved dividend cover resulting in higher cash retentions by Minorco itself. The combination of the substantial asset ba existing debt and expected improvement in the level of cash retentions will increase significantly Minorco's borrowing capacity and hence its ability to pursue its objective of taking advantage of attractive investment opportunities, primarily in mineral and other natural resource industries.

On Minorco shareholders

United States and eisewhere,

The major effects on shareholders of Minorco of the adoption of the proposals are as follows: an increase in earnings from operations (before equity-accounting earnings of associated companies) of 13 US cents per share from 32 US cents to 45 US cents, or 41 per cent, and an increase in equity-accounted net earnings per share of 7 US cents from 151 US cants to 158 US cents, or 5 per cent, assuming in each case, for illustrative purposes, that the proposals were effective throughout the financial year

an increase in dividends receivable by shareholders in the first full financial year after adoption of the proposals to at least 30 US cents per share with enhanced long term

an increase in net asset value per share of 83 US cents from US\$11,22 to US\$12.05, or 7.4 per cars (based on the market value of listed investments at 24 February 1981 and of unlisted investments at their carrying value);

an enlarged and more diversified asset base of Milnorco which will reduce its dependence and hence shareholders reliance for dividend payments, on any single

On AAC, De Beers and Charter and their shareholders The proposals will enhance the intrinsic value of shareholders' investments in Minorco, and AAC. De Beers and Chaner will participate in the long term advantages which are expected to flow from Minorco's enlarged asset base and better balanced and diversified portfolio of strategic investments, its enhanced position as a major international mining finance group and the improvement of its ability to develop its interests and pay increasing dividends. In the shortnerm there will be no material effection the earnings or net asset values of AAC, De Beers and Charter. A circular setting out full details of the proposals will be posted to Minorco shareholders on or about 6 March 1981. The listings of the shares of Minorco which were suspended on 26 February 1981 on The Stock Exchange in London. The Johannesburg Stock Exchange and other stock exchanges where the shares of Minorco are listed will be reinstated with effect from the commencement of business on Friday 27 February 1981.

The board of Minorco has been advised by Lazard Brothers & Co., Limited.

26 February 1981

19.39(19.26) ICI (F) 5.715(3.363)

Plessey (\*) 603(526)

Ratcliffs (F) —(—)

Romal Tea (F) 2.43(2.93)

Tale (F) 15.29(14.3)

Thomas Walker (I) 0.36(0.87)

Ward Holdings (F) 12.81(11.75)

Westwood Dawes (F) 2.45(2.2)

Dividends in this table are shown Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.428. Profits are shown pretax and carnings are net. \*=For 9 months. †=Loss. ‡=Net. JOINT COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT MINERALS AND RESOURCES CORPORATION LIMITED (MINORCO)

The boards of directors of the companies announce that, subject to the sourceal of

Minorco shareholders and other necessary consents being received, agreement has

been reached on certain proposals developed in consultation between the companies.

The aim of the proposals is to enlarge the asset base of Minorco thereby reinforcing its

position as an international mining finance group with a better balanced and diversified

portfolio of strategic investments. This in turn will further strengthen the investments of

The proposals will be achieved by the acquisition by Minorco of substantial holdings in Consolidated Gold Fields Limited (Consgold) and Charter and, through an additional

share-holding in Anglo American Corporation of Canada Limited (Amean), a further

indirect interest in Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Co., Limited (Hudbay), three major

An overall summary of the proposals as they affect each of the companies, and their inter-

(a) 53,983,750 ordinary shares of Consgold (representing an interest of 28.9 per cent);

37,546,075 ordinary shares of Charter (representing an interest of 35.8 per cent); and

all the ordinary shares and promissory notes of Amcan not already owned by

Minorco (thereby making Amcan a wholly-owned subsidiary of Minorco and in-

creasing Winorco's interest in Hudbay, Amcan's major investment, to 44.8 per cent).

In consideration for the above transfers of assets, valued in aggregate at US\$807.436 million it is proposed that Minorco will issue a total of 59,326,640 ordinary shares

which would represent an increase of 59.4 per cent in Minorco's issued share capital. This aggregate value has been determined by valuing listed investments at the

average of their market values during the four week period ended 24th February, 1981 and unlisted investments at agreed valuations. The issue price of the new

Minorco shares is based on its average market value during the same four week

The new shares to be issued by Minorco will not qualify for the interim dividend of 6

US cents per share declared by Minorco in respect of the six month period ended 31

December 1980 but will rank pari passu in all other respects with the existing issued ordinary shares. Subject to these proposals being implemented, and to no unfore-

seen circumstances arising, Minorco intends to declare a final dividend of 16 US

cents per share in respect of the financial year ending 30 June 1981 and total

dividends of at least 30 US cents per share in respect of the financial year ending 30

It is proposed that AAC will transfer its investment in the undermentioned assets to Minorco:

In consideration for the above, it is proposed that Minorco will issue to AAC 35,305,850 new

ordinary shares of Minorco. An associate of AAC will transfer to Minorco its 7,250 special class

shares and Canadian \$2,894,056 promissory notes of Amcan in consideration for the issue to it.

It is proposed that De Beers will transfer its investment in the undermentioned assets to

In consideration for the above, it is proposed that Minorco will issue to De Beers 21, 307, 285 ne.v

It is proposed that Charter will transfer to Mingroo its 13,852 special class shares and Canadian

\$4,779,179 promissory notes of Amcan in consideration for the issue to it of 1,124,797 new

For Minorco the principal results of these proposals will be the acquisition of important interests

Conspold, a United Kingdom-based group whose principal activities relate to the de-

velopment of natural resources and include the financing and management of sub-

sidiaries and associated companies. These companies operate in the fields of mining.

tegic investments in the United Kingdom and Europe, South Africa, the United

States and Canada, and Australia. The largest contribution to Consgold's profits is

from gold mining both directly in South African gold mines and indirectly through its

46 per cent interest in Gold Fields of South Africa Limited, a mining farence house

with a portfolio of investments, principally in gold mining companies and to a lesser

extent in companies engaged in the mining and processing of base metals and min-

exploration, construction materials, manufacturing and commerce and hold stra-

(c) 29,000 special class shares and Canadian \$10,054,835 promissory notes of Amcart.

natural resource and industrial groups holding widespread international investments.

AAC, De Beers and Charter in Minorco.

SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSALS

(iii) PROPOSED SETTLEMENT BY MINORCO

June 1982.

of 588,708 new ordinary shares of Minorco.

AAC and its associate

ordinary shares of Minorco.

ordinary shares of Minorco.

EFFECTS OF THE PROPOSALS

Minorco:

PROPOSED TRANSFERS OF ASSETS TO MINORCO

26,991,875 ordinary shares of Consgold;

37,546,075 ordinary shares of Charter; and

26,991,875 ordinary shares of Consgold; and

in the following mining finance and natural resources organisations:

erals and in finance, industry and property.

(b) 14,500 special class shares of Amcan.

related effect, is as follows:

York auction rooms and Allebone retreated 6p to 31p to 67\$p with speculative buying coming to the aid of Cray Electronics 6p to 112p-board on recent speculative and Electronics 8p at 147p. Oils were still benefiting from

the seventh round licences, expected any time. BP advanced 129 to 410p, Shell 8p to 420p, Ultramar 5p to 480p, and Burmah was unchanged at 181p. But falls were seen in Tricentrol, 2p to 310p, Lasmo, 3p to 649p and Ranger Oil, 10 to 615p.

In banks, National Westminster made progress in the wake of recent figures climbing 3p ot recent tigures cumbing 5p to 373p, while Barclays on 400p and Lloyds on 330p held steady. But Midland slipped 5p to 331p. Continuing hopes of a bid from Lloyds again lifted Grindlays 5p to 178p In properties, lack of interest

10p to 635p. Insurance shares were still subdued by recent disappoint-ing figures from Commercial

Union, down 2p at 155p. But by the close prices showed some recovery with General Accident on 312p, GRE on 332p and Sun Alliance on 784p all unchanged. The royal wedding continued to be of some comfort to beof some comfort to several of the companies likely to be closely linked with the celebra-tions. Black & Edgington rose 1p to 39p, aided by comment, along with Staffordshire Potteries 1p to 51p while Trust-bouse Forte closed unchanged

at 204p. But profit taking left Royal Worcester 3p off at 287p, Wade Potteries 4p lower at 50p and Birmingham Mint a similar figure at 226p. Equity turnover on February 25, was £132.264m (18,775 gar-ning). Active specks weerenday gains). Active stocks yesterday, according to the Exchange Telegraph, were, ICI, Shell, British Aerospace, Fisons, GKN, Cons Gold, Boots, GEC, Metal Box, Vickers, Allied Breweries, Distillers, Ultramar, Marks & Spencer and Commercial Union. Traded Options: Dealers re-

ported another active session with 1,852 contracts recorded of which ICI cannot 574 contracts. Traditional options had a quiet declaration day with calls in British Land on 711p, a put in Plessey on 16p and a double in FNFC on 51p. Mr Denniss Pinn, chairman of Alcan Aluminium

shareholders to sell the minority 22 per cent stake at the offer price of 120p 2 share from Reorganization at

Banking Correspondent The Charterhouse Group, the

own managing director.
Yesterday's announcement confirms Mr Geoffrey Rowett as group chief eexcurive. He is

tions of the merger with Keyser Ullmann agreed last year. A new appointment is that of Mr Michael Morley as managing

# will alter its accounting period accordingly.

AEG-Telefunken, West Ger-many's second largest electrical group, recorded a loss of DM300m (£63.8m) in 1980, International

ordinary and unexpected costs

to grow beyond the 1980 figure of DM15,000m, but added that growth would not match 1980's

The loss for the three months to January 31 compares with a \$12.6m loss a year ago and

is made up of an operating net sey's refinancing plan and as loss of \$101.9m and an exchange a result of stronger markets, gain of \$20.5m. The 1980 loss particularly in North America.

tralia's largest property devel. A52m. profit after tax by 15.6 per cent for the full 1979-80 year.

Thomas Walker: Turnover for half year to December 31 5857,000 (5569,000). Pretax profit, 562,000 (566,500). EPS 0.597p (0.888p). Interim held at 0.24p gross.

on Tuesday. Spencer Clark Metal Inds: Mr D. M. Howarth, chairman, told the annual meeting that the company's trading situation had deteriorated further and it was now trading at best in a break-even signation. He was still continued.

Leadon Shop Property Trust: has announced an interim dividend of 1.0p, payable on April 30. John Hadiand Holdings: No divi-John Hadiano Holdings: An dividend on ordinary shares for year to October 31. Turnover \$1.76m (£3.970m). Pretax profit £514,000 (£388,000). EPS 12.8p (8.7p). Westwood Dawes: Turnover for

Capital and National Trust: Net revenue for half year to January 31 £483,000 (£571,500) after tax. Nav per share 213.2p (179.5p). Interim, 2.25p already announced.

British Assets Trust: Directors have declared a first quarterly interim dividend on the ordinary shares, of 0.95p per share payable on March 2, 1981. The company has repaid a loan of \$16m.

# Bonnerpark deal

Bonnerpark, which already

shares.

# hite Reduced workload and increased costs depress profits at Ward

A depressed housing marker a third to £1.58m. The dividend has been maintained at 6p finance Editor, said, though first-time houses for second-time buyers laide, though first-time for cope with this. Kent house work load meant that overheads took a larger like with the marker. To cope with this kent house work load meant that overheads took a larger like out of these were faint indications of houses. The company has a substantial land bank — enough to mores are still in the market.

To cope with this. Kent housemilder Ward Holdings switched to building mid-way from the firstmeter homes for the firstmeter buyer. But delays averagto three months in changing the planning approval on sites, and much higher interest rates, and higher higher interest rates, and higher hi

Payout halved as Ariel **Industries falls sharply** 

By Our Financial Staff
Ariel Industries, the Leicester engineering group, has halved the interim dividend to 0.8p gross following a sharp fall in profits from £420,000 to £55,000 pretax in the six months to September 30.

Ariel's sales were down from £3.95m to £3.56m, reflecting the impact of recession in the home market and the loss of exports because of unheavals The company has a substantial land bank — enough to keep it building for seven years at the current low level of demand, according to Mr Cook, and for perhaps five years if demand improves. Borrowings are being contained at around £5m annually. But profits will not improve a great deal until demand improves. Borrowings are being contained at around £5m annually. But profits will ant improve a great deal until interest rates fall and demand for larger houses, where the better margins lie, is restored.

also impeded exporting which, in the past, usually accounted for around a third of group

Two of the group's three main businesses — industrial fasteners and closures for the food industry—made losses and there has been short-time work-ing. But the aircraft compon-ents business was doing well and had kept the group in pro-

Mr Edwards held out little hope that the second half would be better, "We are not seeing the upturn," he said, and de-stocking was continuing.

### Bigger loss at A I Industrial

Al Industrial Products, for-merly Allied Insulators, has reported losses for the second successive year and the company is forecasting a further loss for the first half of this year. A statement says that it is diffiult to forecast beyond then. But a modest upturn in sales volume during the second half year should be sufficient to generate a profit for that period."

Losses for 1980 were £1.83m after tax and extraordinary losses of 5890,000. This compares with a £55,000 profit in

1979. Before tax and extraordinary items, losses jumped from £115,000 to £907,000. Sales have remained virtually static at £19.4m. A final dividend of 0.01p a share is being proposed as the only payment for the year, It is only being paid to keep the company's trustee

The chairman, Mr A. Lloyd, says that during 1980 demand fell sharply, particularly in the final quarter of the year.. This resulted in even more difficult trading conditions in the second half of the year. In the first half the losses were only 5149,000.

The company has embarked upon a major restructuring pro-gramme and there have been major redundancies and exten-sive short time working. Redundancy payments alone tost the company more than £350,000.

Most of the group's divisions have suffered from lower demand for their products. At the high tension division, margins remain under pressure essen-tially because at the strength of the pound, but exchange losses have not been significant.

The low tension division, which is involved in refractory with "conproducts, operates with "considerable" short time working and there is particular concern for refractory products.

### No final from Tace is margins fall

'ace reports that its turnover the year to September 30, £15,29m against £14.86m, tax profits fel from £531,000 £301,000. There was no final idend giving a total of 1.21p ss against 2.8p.
he board says that the com-

y experienced a sharp prioration in demand in the and half of the year, which not only to reduced turnover also brought margins under ssure despite heavy pruning

xpenditure is continuing to our materially and there are is that the trading position

### bright and Wilson irply down

urnover at Albright and son for the year to Decem-29, 1980, was £412.345m nst £385.722m but pretax its plunged from £18.9m its plunged from £18.9m attrible loss of £2.233m against offit of £15.30m.

se United Kingdom operawere responsible for the le of the fall in profit and principal cause of the downwas the deep recession in United Kingdom.

oran Tea Holdings was at neering from 7.14p gross to . The board says that in . United Kingdom, the effects he recession and the control of high interacts. wion of high interest rates slowed down activities in Ferty investment and deve-ient and will inevitably it the final results. ithin its portfolio, negotia-

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are taking place for the of two properties in Maid-a and letting enquiries are g received for the recently bished office development ahead for year

ment in the second half will depend upon a recovery in demand. A temporary check to growth is therefore probable this year, he says in his annual

report. However, the company is on a very sound base and given more normal trading conditions he looks forward to resuming the group's record of progress.

### Thomas French reports higher demand

Although 1981 in the United Kingdom was widely predicted to be a tough one, Mr T. J. French, chairman of Thomas French & Sons, said everall demand was running ahead of expectations, although some sectors of the business were doing better than others. The over-seas companies too remained

busy.
Mr T. J. French told the annual meeting that the group's results for 1980 provided evidence of the beneficial effects

of two initiatives.
The first—taken many years ago—was to expand overseas. The profit from these overseas businesses had provided substantial support. The second initiative was the thrust for higher productivity through a combination of reductions in fixed costs and a major investment in new plant

ment in new plant.

Turnover at Gripperods

Holdings for the half year to

October 31 was £8.499m against
£6.967m. Net profits were compared. £268,000 after tax. Earnings per share were 10.60p. against 10.70p. The interim was held at

### Romai Tea Holdings

Despite a drop in turnover from £2.93m to £2.42m, taxable from £2.93m to £2.42m, taxable profits of Romai Tea Holdings have risen from £339,000 to £486,000 for the year to June 30. At the attributable level profits were £150,000 against £170,000. Earnings a share were will be at a reduced level any significant improved.

siness appointments

### ir Rowland Wright to join shell' board of directors

Rowland Wright becomes a tor of the "Sheli" Transport Frading Company on March 1.
C. N. C. Hoslam will be ce director of Shell UK from h 1. Mr G. S. Simpson. the 2nt finance director, resigns the board on March 31 on retirement from the Shell P.

p.
Geoff Hoddinott has been dired deputy divisional directof the business equipment ion of Philips Business

r M. B. Phillip, chairman and aging director of BEWAC or Corporation and chairman EWAC Motors, will retire on the 31. Mr P. A. Aylward will become chief executive of IAC Motors, retaining his ent title of managing director.

J. W. Ritchie becomes non-utive chairman of BEWAC ors.

r Douglas A. Smith has joined board of Lloyds Bank UK agement, and he has been de to succeed Mr S. James L. as chairman of the Salisbury and board of Lloyds Bank

Wallace, Smith Leasing company. The directors are Mr Marcel G. Wright, Mr Michael J. Hamilton, and Mr Jonathan R. Cole, who joins the group on March 3.

Mr Geoffrey C. Rowett, the chief executive of Charterhouse Group, is also appointed a deputy chairman of the group. Mr E. G. Cox, Mr J. A. Downes, Mr M. H. F. Morley, and Mr K. H. Thompson have been appointed managing directors of the group from March 1. and Mr J. B. Hyde will be appointed a managing director on joining the group on April 1. Mr D. E. Wilde retires from executive duties on April 30, and Mr J. A. Downes on August 31, both having reached retirement age.

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will join the board of the sungham Post & Mail.
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# ICI in 1980

The Board of Directors of Imperial Chemical Industries Limited announce the following trading results of the Group for the year 1980, subject to the completion of the audit, with comparative figures for 1979.

For the second successive quarter the Company has traded at a loss. The outlook for 1981 is now markedly worse than expected in October 1980. The Board has accordingly decided to reduce the second interim dividend to five pence.

The figures are affected by two changes in accounting presentation which have been made in the light of evolving accounting practice. The changes increase profit before tax by £58m (1979 £53m) and profit attributable to parent company before extraordinary items by £33m (1979 £26m). The quarterly sequence of profits is also affected by the release of provisions made in the first half year.

The following table summarises the quarterly sales and profit before tax:

·	Group	Profit Before Tax
	£m	£m
1979 1st Quarter	1185	98
2nd Quarter	1382	162
3rd Quarter	1326	155
4th Quarter	1475	145
Changes in Accounting Presentation		53
Year	5368	613
1980 1st Quarter	1523	162
2nd Quarter	1452	80
3rd Quarter	1304	-10
4th Quarter	1436	- 6
Changes in Accounting Presentation	_	58
Year	5715	284

The quarterly profit figures for 9180 shown above have been restated to eliminate MOYOUS PROBE-SDARING BODIES CHILD depends upon the ratio of added value to employee costs. In 1980 the ratio fell below the point at which a bonus is normally payable and the Board has decided not to make a discretionary payment.

The Group profit and loss account is shown below both on the new presentation and on the presentation previously adopted.

		New entation		Previous basis of Presentation		
·	1980	1979	1980	197		
	£m	£m	£m	£		
Sales to External Customers						
United Kingdon	2399	2232				
Overseas	3316	3136				
Total	5715	5368				
Profit Before Taxation	284	613	226	56		
After charging/crediting Depreciation	291	248	291	24		
*Exchange loss on net current assets of overseas subsidiaries	_	_	37	3		
*Government grants credit	21	19	-	-		
Taxation less grants	-123	-123	-102	-10		
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	161	490	124	45		
Applicable to minorities	- 31	- 33	- 27	- 2		
Profit attributable to parent company before extraordinary items	130	457	97	43		
Extraordinary items	-150	- 16	150	1		
Profit/loss attributable to parent company after extraordinary items	- 20	441	- 53	41		
Dividends	-101	-134	-101	-13		
Profit/loss retained	-121	307	-154	28		
Earnings before extraordinary items per £1 Ordinary stock	22.1p	79.2p	16.5p	74.7		
Dividends per £1 Ordinary stock	17.0p	23.0p	17.0p	23.0		
Profit before taxation and loan interest as percentage of average assets employed	8.6%	16.4%	7.4%	15.29		
*Accounting presentation change						

### Trading Results 1980

Group sales increased by 6% to £5715m. Most of the increase was from higher oil sales. Chemical sales prices rose by 8% but a fall in volume of 5% resulted in an overall increase in chemical sales value of only 3%. The f.o.b. value of exports from the UK was £1173m compared with £1108m in 1979.

**Profits** Trading in the last three quarters of the year was severely affected by the world recession and the accompanying de-stocking, particularly in the UK and Continental Europe where profits were sharply reduced as sales volume fell. UK costs continued to increase but against the recessionary background the rising value of sterling held down prices in the UK and also caused UK export margins to fall steeply. It was not possible therefore to recover the full increase in costs through higher prices. Exports were profitable at the beginning of the year but became unprofitable during the second quarter, and by the end of the year in many areas realisations barely covered production costs. The Agricultural, Pharmaceuticals, Paints and Oil businesses did well but Petrochemicals, Plastics, Fibres and Organics all incurred heavy trading losses. Outside Western Europe, however, profit levels were broadly maintained with particularly good results in Australasia and the Far East, Canada and South Africa.

Chemical sales volume in the fourth quarter of 1980 increased by 7% but in the UK there was no volume improvement over the seasonally low third quarter. Sterling strengthened further against European currencies which again prevented much needed selling price increases. A loss before tax was again incurred.

The Company's oil business (including its share in the Ninian oilfield) produced trading profits amounting to £22m in the quarter (third quarter 1980 £22m) after petroleum revenue tax of £15m.

In the harsh trading conditions of 1980 major steps have been taken to reduce costs and improve cash flow. Working capital has been contained in spite of rising costs. There has been vigorous action across all operating units to reduce costs and in addition there was major restructuring of the fibres business, where fixed costs and overheads are being reduced on a broad front. Despite all these difficulties, market share has generally bean held, but at the expense of retaining business with low margins.

Changes in Presentation of Accounts

The two changes in the presentation of the results are: 1. Following the publication of Exposure Draft 27 (Accounting for foreign currency translations) the exchange loss on translating the net current assets of overseas subsidiaries into sterling is charged against reserves, instead of against profits for the year. This change in presentation increases profit before tax by £37m (1979 £34m) and profit attributable to the parent company before extraordinary items by £33m (1979 £26m).

2. Government grants receivable, which are spread over the lives of the relevant assets, are included in trading profit, instead of being deducted from taxation. This follows the practice most commonly adopted by other companies. The change in presentation increases profit before tax by £21 (1979 £19m) but does not alter the profit attributable to the parent company.

Extraordinary Items

As stated when the figures for the first nine months were announced on 23 October, an amount of £150m (1979 £16m) has been provided to meet certain extraordinary costs and losses facing the Group as an outcome of the severe worldwide recession. The provision includes £95m in respect of changes which have been announced in the fibres operations; and the remainder represents losses on disposal and reductions in holding values of certain chemical assets and investments both in the UK and overseas. These include a £26m reduction in the holding value of the Company's investment in Carrington Viyella to £22m. equivalent to 25p per share.

The charge for taxation for the year 1980 amounting to £123m (1979 £123m) consists of £41m of UK corporation tax (1979 £65m), £54m overseas tax (1979 £43m) and £28m on the profits of principal associated companies (1979 £15m). As explained above, Government grants are now credited to trading profits and not deducted from taxation.

Current Cost Accounts

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	1980	1979
	£m	£m
Trading profit Profits less losses from trade investments	93 26	341 33
Interest and other financial items	- 46	- 8
Profit before taxation	73	366
Taxation	-123	-123
Applicable to minorities	- 11	- 20
Profit/Loss attributable to parent company before extraordinary items	61	223
Extraordinary items	-173	- 16
Profit/loss attributable to parent company after extraordinary items	-234	207
Dividends	-101	-134
Profit/loss retained	-335	73
Earnings before extraordinary items per £1 Ordinary stock	—10.4p	38.6p

The current cost trading profit is stated after supplementary depreciation of £165m (1979 £125m), a cost of sales adjustment of £109m (1979 £139m), a monetary working capital adjustment of £3m (1979 £59m), and indexation of Government grants of £38m (1979 £30m). Interest cost in the current cost statement is after crediting an SSAP16 gearing gain of £64m (1979 £72m). The gearing gain when calculated on the basis that has been previously followed by ICI, which we believe to be a better measure, amounts to £204m (1979 £168m). Under this basis, profit attributable to the Parent Company before extraordinary items is £86m (1979 £318m).

The recession in the UK is proving to be deeper and longer than was thought likely when the results for the third quarter were announced in October. Further substantial strengthening of sterling against Continental currencies since then has made the competitive position weaker both for ICI and its UK customers. The vigorous action being taken to reduce costs cannot offset more than a part of this disadvantage. Prospects for the first half of 1981 are therefore poor. Substantial improvement thereafter must mainly depend on renewed growth in economic activity in the UK and worldwide, combined with a more favourable currency environment.

In announcing the results for the third quarter in October 1980, the Board stated:

"The decision on the final dividend will be made in February 1981 in the light of the results for the full year 1980 and of the outlook for 1981 as seen at that time, but it is the Board's present intention to maintain the level of the 1979 dividend for the year 1980."

As indicated above, the outlook for 1981 is now seen to be markedly worse than was expected at that time, and it is not possible at present to forecast when an upturn will commence. Having paid an interim dividend of twelve pence the Board has concluded that it would not be appropriate to maintain the second interim dividend at the level of the previous year (eleven pence).

The Board has declared a second interim dividend of 5.0 pence (five point nought pence) per £1 unit of Ordinary stock, which the Annual General Meeting will be asked to confirm as the final dividend for 1980, payable on 3 April 1981 to members on the Register today. This, together with the first interim dividend of 12.0 pence (twelve point nought pence) makes a total Ordinary dividend of 17.0 pence (seventeen point nought pence) for the year. Including the imputed tax credit of 7.29 pence this is equivalent to a gross dividend of 24.29 pence (1979 22 860). The second interim dividend now declared will absorb £30m and together (1979 32 86p). The second interim dividend now declared will absorb £30m and together with the first interim dividend makes a total of £101m for the year.

Trading results for the first quarter 1981 will be announced on Thursday 30 April 1981.

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na Calder-Marshall as The Woman in Eva Figes's play news (BBC 2, 9.30) which she has adapted from her own

The fact that today (BBC 1, 5.05) brings the final episode of inge Hill the serial about a mixed comprehensive school, es me a chance to make a brief comment about those few sodes I have managed to see. I was, initially, repelled by the ggish behaviour of some of the pupils, appalled by their renly speech, distressed by the take-it-or-leave-it attitude of it-of the staff. And I am still not reconciled to it. My blem is that I don't know whether Grange Mill has been ing the truth about these schools or not. Some teachers tell it has; others say no. At least with Greyfriars, St Jim's and Dominic's, we knew where we stood : bang in the middle of er-Never Land.

look forward to seeing what sort of job Lorin Mazzel, the hestra conductor, makes of chairing Friday Night . . . Saturday ming (BBC 2, 11.35) and of talking to fellow (part-time) ductor Edward Heath and the full-time conductor of Punch, n Coren. . . The penultimate instalment of The Walls of icho (BBC 1, 8.00) is about a mutiny. The first women's iical school in Scotland has opened its doors, but some of the leats refuse to obey the rules. The outcome is a court case sibly unique in medical history. All true, of course.

little need, surely, for me to recommend you to watch al Heritage (BEC 1, 10.45) as you will most probably already rooked on Sir Huw Wheldon's guided tours around the ion's treasure houses. Tonight's film is about Victoria, t-Albert. A monumental, imperial era over which the sun yet to set. What marvellous pictures have been provided to ment Sir Huw's already eloquently pictorial parration.

I first performance and a first broadcast on Radio 3 (3.00).
I'd for the first time on radio is Coleridge-Taylor's Violin certo in G minor which, with Sergiu Schwartz as soloist, ne of the items in the 1980 Guildhall School's Centenary cert. The first performance is of Paul Barker's Fantasy on notes, and Vaughan Williams's atmospheric A London whony completes the programme... Two at One? (Radio 4, 5), first heard last Tuesday and worth the repeat, is about ed marriages. Jill Cochrane is the interviewer.... hael Charlton's series about British diplomacy since the Is (Radio 3, 9.15) continues with Jean Monnet's abortive ets to get Britain to act in concert with France in 1949, tributions from, among others, Sir Harold Wilson, Lord don-Walker and Denis Healey.

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# **Broadcasting Guide**

**Edited by Peter Davalle** 

### TELEVISION TELEVISION

6.40 Open University: Computers: cast studies. 7.05 Talking to children. 7.33 The nower of speech. Closedown at 7.55.
9.05 For Schools, Colleges: Treffpunkt: Deutscheland. 925 Athlete: triple jump. 9.52 Look and Read. 10.15 Maths-in-a-Box. 10.35 Going to Work. 11.02 Hyn o Fyd (This World).
11.25 You and Me: Take My Hand. nano. 11.40 For Schools, Colleges: Marhs File: enlargement (8). 12.05 Sixteen Up: The last careers

lesson.
12.45 News. 1.00 Pebbie Mill at
Oue: There is another of Peter
Seabrook's gardening features
called Dig This. 1.45 How Do You

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Do?
2.02 For Schools. Colleges: Consumer rights. 2.35 A Good Job
with Prospects. Closedown at 3.00.
3.20 Y Doctor Kate: tribute to Di
Kate Roberts. In Welsh. 3.55 Play
School: Gene Zlon's story Harry
the Dirty Dog. Also on BBC 2 at
11.00.
4.20 Touché Turtle: cartoon. Tenderfoot Turtle. 4.25 Jackanory:
Joan Alken's story Crusader's
Toby is told by Ronald Pickup.
The pictures are by Gareth Floyd.
4.40 Finders Keepers: Electronic
battleships game, chaired by
Richard Stilgoe. It is between
reams from Coombe Hill Junior
School. 5.05 Grange Hill:

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derfoot Turtle to two sisters
and what happens when one of the
canada to start a new life. With
Roger Sloman, Linda Mar-hal,
Murial Maddocks and Philip Jackson.

8.00 The Walls of Jericho:
Proultimate episode in this serial
about Scotland's first women's
mucical school. Tonight, the
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case that It leads to. With Sara
Choice). 8.50 Points of View:
Barry Took has fun with viewers'
letters.

9.00 News: with lohn Edwands.

9.25 Starsky and Hatch: The two
detectives pose as wealthy heroin

Philip School, 5.05 Grange Hill;

ing spirit. (See Personal Canada.)

5.35 The Perishers; with Leonard Resister (F).

5.47 News: with Peter Woods.

5.55 Regional news magazines. All the regions unite at 6.30 for Nationaide which toolight includes a cardening item and Soortswide.

7.60 A Question of Sport. New series begion. As usual. Gareth Edwards and Emiya Hughes captain the teams and David Coleman is the quizmaster. Taking part are full Beaumont, Kenny Dalglish, Sharren Davides and Jim Watt.

7.30 Coming Home: New comedy series begins. It's about two brothers, married to two sisters and what happens when one of the couples returns to Erisia from Canada to start a new life. With Roger Sloman, Linda Marchal, Murial Maddocks and Philip Jackson.

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### BBC 2 television and given an English

6.40 am Open University. Stereo-chemistry; '7.05 Maths: ideas of space : 7.30 Database : Iocal authorines. Closedown at 7.55. 1.00 pm Play School. Same as BBC 1, 3.55 (Gene Zion's story Harry

the Dirty Dog).
4.50 Open University: Richard Hoggart: a measured life; 5.15 Psychosexual differences (2). 5.40 Chartie Chaplin: Shanghaled (1915\*) Charlie, as a sea cook's assistant, accidentally foils a plot to blow up the ship. Edua Purviance plays a stowaway, who is also the shipowner's daughter. 6.05 Monkey: Fantastic tales of Old China, made for Japanese

230 am Rotanic Man: a New Zealand "museum"; 9.58 The Young People of Ludiow; 10.15 French: Cabarer sketches about love; 10.38 Evolution; 11.02 Stop, Look, Listen; 11.14 Reading with Lenny the Lion; 11.26 Maths for the very young; 11.43 For the deaf.

Lemy the Lion; 11.20 Nature in the very young; 11.43 For the deaf.
12.00 The Magic Ball: The story of the toy soldier, told by Eric Thompson (r); 12.10 pm Once Upon a Time: The King Who Wanted the Sun, told by Mark

Wynter. 12.30 A Betier Read: Bill Grundy's books programme. Tales

of the supernatural (r). 1.00 News; 1.20 Thames area news; 1.30 Together: Life in a block of flats. The potting shed

2.00 After Noon Plus: Anthony Howard and Peregrine Worsthorne discuss the week's top news stories with Mavis Nicholson.

THAMES

television and given an English language soundtrack.
6.50 Speak for Yourself: Advice for those whose landlords refuse to do repairs. Another in this series for those whose first language is not English, Repeated next Duesday. next Tuesday,
7.15 News: with sub-titles for the
bard of bearing; 7.25 Oxford Road
Show: Live show from Manchester. With Rob Rohrer and Jackle

Spreckley. 8.00 Gardener's World: Geoffrey Smith among the camellias in the small gardens of La Colline, in Jersey, Channel Islands, 8.25 America Catches Cold : Newsweek report on the American economic crisis. Kelth Kyle asks : Are America's basic problems the same as Brimin's? How closely

2.45 Film: The Daughters of Joshua Cabe Return (1976): Television movie about a fur trapper (Dan Dailey) whose land is threatened. He recruits three not too respectable women to pose as big daughters.

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4.15 Watch h! A story of Dr Snuggles, the inventor; 4.20 The Adventures of Black Beauty: Story of a "ghost"; 4.45 The Extraordinary People Show: Three youngsters question the writer Buchi Emechta; 5.15 Clapperboard: Clips from, and chat about, the new Agatha Christie thriller The Mirror Crack'd, with Elizabeth Taylor.

5.45 News; 6.00 Thames news; 6.30 Thames Sport.

7.00 Family Fortunes: Quiz show, compered by Bob Monkhouse; 7.30 Film: Magnum: Don't Eat the Snow in Hawaii (1980). Thriller about a private investigator

London Weekend

will President Reagan follow Mrs Thatcher's monetarist line?
9.00 Call My Bluff: Frank Muir, Sheila Gish and Dick Clement take on Arthur Marshall, Stephanie Turner and Tim Brooke-Taylor. The MC is Robert Robinson, 9.30 Playhouse: Days. Eva Figes has adapted her own novel about a hospiral patient (Auna Calder-Marshall) who looks back on her unhappy life. 10.50 Newsnight: All the big news

stories of the day. 11.35 Friday Night . Saturday Morning. The orchestral conductor Lorin Maazel is tonight's chairman. His guests include Edward Heath, Alan Coren, Edward Fox, Ellen Burstyn and Doreen Wells. Ends at 12.30 (see Personal Choice).

(Tom Selleck), a woman drugs dealer, an Arabian gold dealer and a powerful criminal. 9.00 Second Chance: The story

of a broken marriage. Final instal-ment. Could the divorced couple (Susannah York, Ralph Bates) end

(Susannah York, Ralph Bates) end up together again?
10.00 News from ITN; 10.30 Benson: Comedy series about a black butler in a governor's residence. Tonight: a protest against a power profect.
11.00 The London Programme: Council Spending. An examination of the services provided by two London councils—Redbridge (Tory-controlled) and Barking (Labour-controlled). Is there value for money for the rates that are paid?

11.35 Manuix : A strange kind of hidnapping is investigated by the private detective Joe Manuix (Mike Connors).

12.30 Close. Tony Lothian reads something written by Emmeline Pankhurst.

### RADIO

In; Religious Education; Music Interlude. 11.00-12.00 Study on 4: Kontakte (18); Allez France I (17).

Radio 3

6.00 am News Briefing.
6.16 Farming Today.
6.30 Today.
7.00, 8.00 News.
7.30, 8.30 Headlines.
8.35 Yesterday in Parliament.
9.00 News.
9.65 Desert Island Discs.†
9.45 Feedback. K2010 )
6.55 am Weather.
7.00 News.
7.05 Records: Rossini, Ireland,
Schubert, Ravel.†
8.00 News.
8.05 Records: Sullivan, SaintSaens, Johann Strauss.†
9.00 News.
9.05 Week's Composer: Barber
(inci Vin Conc).†
10.00 Clarinet, plano: Lutoslawski,
Berg, Crosse, Patterson.†
10.40 Plano: Chopin, Schumann,
Prokofley, Liszt.† 9.45 Feedbark.
10.80 News.
10.02 International Assignment.
10.30 Daily Service.
10.45 Story: Nelson Budderley
Esquire, by Ken Kessell.
1.00 News.
11.05 Two at One? (See Personal

Choice.) 11.50 Natural Selection. 12.00 News. 12.02 pm You and Yours. 12.27 My Music.† 12.55 Weather. 12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at One.
1.40 The Archers.
2.6) News.
2.02 Woman's Hour.
3.03 News.
3.02 Play: Holding the Raby, by Martin Staniforth.

Marin Stantorto.7
4.05 Weigh-In.
4.15 Poetry Up to Now (8).
4.45 The Trumpet Major (5).
5.00 PM.
5.55 Weather.
6.03 News.
6.30 Going Places.
7.00 News.

Berg, Crosso, Patterson.†
10.40 Piano: Chopin, Schumann,
Prokofiev, Liszt.†
11.30 BEC Singers, Joly: Debussy,
Poulenc, Bedford, Banks.†
12.05 pm BEC Northern SO/
Herbig, pr 1: Brahms, Mozart
(Pno Conc 22—Roll).†
1.00 News.
1.05 BBCNSO, pt 2: Schumann
(Sym 31.†
1.65 Cannatas: Rameau, Clérambault.†
2.20 Quartet (Chilingirian):
Martinu (no 51.†
3.00 Guildhall School SO/B.
Wright: P. Barker, ColeridgeTaylor (Vin Conc—ist bdcst),
Vaughan Williams (Slm 2).† (See
Personal Choice.)
4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure.†
6.55 Play it Again: preview.†
7.03 Record: Britten.†
7.09 Record: Britten.†
7.30 Piano (Ax—live from Birmingham), pt 1: Haydn, Schoenberg (op 19), Schumann.†
8.20 One Pair of Ears: review.
8.40 Piano, pt 2: Chopiu (Sos in
B min).†
9.15 The Price of Victory (3).
10.15 Music in Our Time:
Benoliel.†
11.00 News. 6.30 Going Places.
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Pick of the Week.†
5.10 The Week in Synod.
8.30 Any Questions?
9.15 Letter from America.
9.30 Kaleidoscope.
10.00 The World Tonight.
10.35 Week Ending.†
11.00 The Painted Veil (5).
11.15 Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
11.45 BBC Sound Archives.
12.00 News.
12.15 am-12.23 Shipping forecast.
VHF 19.15 Music in Our 1 Benoties,† 11.00 News. 11.08-11.15 Record : Biber.†

VHF
5.55 am-6.55 Open University:
Educating for Uncertainty; The
Student of Religion; Personality
and Learning.
11.15 pm-12.35 am Open University: The First Years of Life—
As the Twig is Bent; History of
Mathematics; Instruments and
their Music; Linear Mathe. 9.05 2m Schools: Contact; Music Interlude; Country Dancing Stage II (5); Notice Board (2); Music Workshop.
10.30-10.45 Listen with Mother.
11.00-12.00 Schools: Exploring
Society; Listening and Writing
(5); Prospect.
2.00 pm-3.00 Schools: Let's Join

Radio 2

S.00 am Bob Kilbey † 7.30 Terry Wogan † 10.00 Jimmy Young † 12.00 David Hamilton † 2.00 pm Ed Stewart † 4.00 Much More Music † 6.00 Steve Jones † 8.00 Friday Night is Music Night † 10.00 Castle's on the Air. 10.30 The Organist Entertains. 11.00 Brian Matthew. 2.00 am-5.00 You and the Night and the Music. †

Radio 1

5.00 am As Radio 2. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.00 Andy Peebles. 12.30 pm Newsbeat. 12.45 Paul Burnett. 2.30 Dave Lee Travis. 4.30 Peter Powell. 5.30 Newsbeat. 5.45 Roundrable. 7.30 Anne Nightingale. 10.00 Friday Rock Show.† 12.00 Close.

VHF RADIOS 1 AND 2: 5.00 am With Radio 2: 10.00 pm With Radio 1. 12.00-5.00 am With Radio 2.

World Service

(648 FHZ. 463m) at the following times (GMT):

6.00 an Newsdesk, 7.00 world News.

7.09 lwesty-four Hours, 7.45 Merchant Navy Programme, 8.00 world News.

8.09 Reflections, 8.15 Intermace, 8.30 World News.

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WAVELENGTHS: Radio 1 medium wave 275m/1089kHz or 285m/1053kHz, Radio 2 med wave 330m/909kHz or 433m/693kHz and 58-91 VHF. Radio 3 med wave 247m/1215kHz and 90-92.5 VHF. Radio 4 long wave 1505m/200kHz and 92-95 VHF. Greater London area only; med wave 720kHz/417m, LBC 261m, 97.3 VHF. Capital 194m, 95.8 VHF. World Service: med wave 648kHz (453m). BBC Radio London 206m, 94.9 VHF.

REGIONAL TV

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Anglia As London except: 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 2.45-4.15 Film: A Summer Without Boys (Berbara Bain), 6.00 Scotland Today, 8.25 Sports Extre. 6.46-7.00 Hear Here, 10.30 Watz and Monts. 11.00 Late Call, 11.05-12.30 am Film: Baby Love (Keith Barron)

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Ulster

As London except; 1.20 pm-1.30 funchime. 2.45 Film: Lost in the Desert (Dirkie Hayes). 4.13-4.15 News. 6.00-7.00 Good Evening Ulster. 10.30 Wilmes. 10.35 Sportscast. 11.05 Benson, 11.35-11.45 Bedithe.

HTV

As London except: 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 2.45 No Apple for Johnny, 2.25-4.15 Film: Boyond the Bermuds Triengle (Fird McCMurray, Donna Mills). 6.00-7.00 ATV Today. 19.30 Society. 11.00 News 11.05-12.55 am Film: Fear in the Night (Princr Cushing. Judy Greson, Joan Collins).

Border Westward

Musical Instruments

Property

Rentals

**Public Notices** 

As London except: Starts 9.20 am Good Word, 9.25-9.30 News, 1.20-1.30 News, Lookaround, 2.45-4.15 Plim: Smallest Show on Earth | Virginia McKenna, Bill Travers | 6.00 News, 6.02 Snortsline, 8.30-7.00 Northern Life, 10.30 News, 10.32 Film: Rider, on the Rain (Charles Bronann), 12.30-12.25 am Countryside Christian. Southern As London racept: 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 2.00 Houseparty. 2.25-4.15 Film: To the Ends of the Earth (Dick Powoll). 8.15-5.45 Mr and Mrs. 8.00 Day by Day. 8.00 Seem South East. 8.30-7,00 7.00 Out of Town, 10.35 Peripe for Disaster. 11.35 Soan. 12.00 Film: Love (Per Rachar). 1.35 Fm Westher followed by It's a Small World. Granada

As London except: 12.00-12.30 pm closedown. 1.20-1.30 Novs. 2.45-4.15 Film: Log of the Black Peat 1 Kiel Martin: 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30 Laddes Frat. 6.53-7.00 What's 0.28 Novs. 10.36 Soap. 11.05 Brown Study. 11.35-12.00 Friends of Man.

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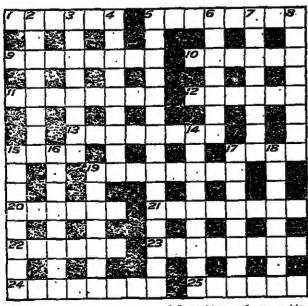
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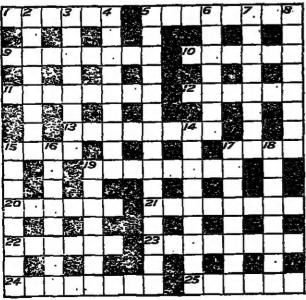
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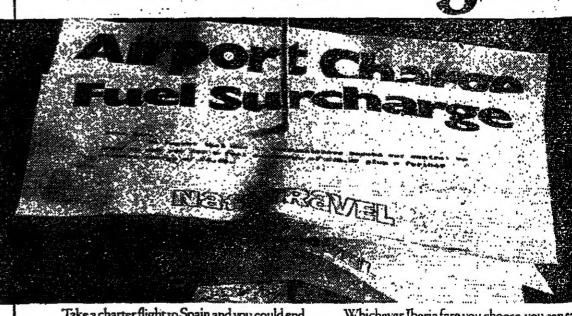
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